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Arms: Silver, a greyhound  
walking and upper  
third black.

Crest: A greyhound's head,  
jagged, divided  
black and silver.

Motto: Speed, Courage,  
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Note from Editor: On the advice of others, and using a number of similar journals as a guide, we have decided to index all four quarterlies in the December edition. This is to be by name and place.

The June edition will include The History of Wolf Springs in its entirety with some appropriate pictures and charts. This has been written by Joyce Dawson Mitchell. It will also include the continuation of the other articles, some new articles, an increased query section, family pictures, and other related matters.

FROM THE EDITOR

Since I mailed Carpenter and Related Family Paper XXXIX in December of 1980, it will be noted that I have made a change in the naming of the new publication. I do, however, hasten to add that the new publication will deal with family genealogy as well as family history. The reason that I moved away from strictly genealogy was because so many of us are writing and recording events of the present as well as those of the past. I am convinced that the new publication will be a more appropriate, a more educational, a more interesting, and a more appreciated one if all of this is accomplished. The seeking and the printing of the truth and the publishing of a quality publication are to be two of our primary goals.

On the advice of the four associate editors and from a number of other family members, I have agreed that we must go to subscriptions if we are to be successful with this type of publication. However, we are holding the subscription to a bare minimum of \$10.00 per year. This will pay for expenses for paper, typing, photographing, printing, and mailing of the four quarterly editions per calendar year. This is to be totally non-profit with financial statements rendered in each December edition substantiated by an official audit!

Suggestions, comments, corrections, and recommendations are solicited. Each subscriber is invited to write me or write either of the associate editors as often as possible or as often as time will permit. Finally, I want to extend my thanks and gratitude to the many who have supported and encouraged my efforts thus far. Thanks so very, very much! ! J.A.C.

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This March, 1981, edition is dedicated to the memory of Ideller "Della" Carpenter Butler, b. 10-26-1865 d. 4-7 - 1900, the wife of Julius Hopton Butler, and the mother of all of his eight children. The photograph of Della to the right was furnished by Mattie Carpenter Parker and restored by Artist Marci Carpenter Peek. From the original, a tremendous job of restoring has been accomplished! Della was the only sister of Harvey, Franklin, Robert, Johnnie, and Chessley Carpenter. This 100 year old picture of Della (in her teens) is considered one of our best family history discoveries. Now I suspect most of us will understand why (at least in part) there are so many attractive granddaughters and great granddaughters of Julius Hopton and Della Carpenter Butler! I rest my case! J.A.C.



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OLD BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - COLBERT COUNTY, ALABAMA

BY: Joyce Dawson Mitchell and Ruth Grissom Johnson

The first white people to come through the lands that are now in and around Old Brick Church was in April, 1682, an English family; in 1698 a French family; and on January 31, 1699, another English family, but none of these people remained in that region. It was not until 1711 that a white trapper, Samuel Scott, came here and camped at Blowing Springs, located in Limekiln Hollow above Bainbridge Crossing. This trapper and trader among the Chickasaw and Cherokee Indians received word from Mobile that a ship load of women had arrived in Mobile Harbor. He went to find the women but he found that they had arrived in 1704. Samuel had made the Indians a promise that he would return to the Old Brick area and settle among them.

The friendly Indians looked long for their friend but it was not until the summer of 1755 that a son of Samuel Scott returned and with him came Chatham Waddle, James Covey, John Glass, and a Mr. Hop. Apparently, Samuel had died either in or on his trip to Mobile. The men who returned were young men who came to the community to trap, hunt, and trade with the Indians. None of them had wives or families.

Later on the English made the yoke heavier by enforcing more taxes. The white people began to come to this section with their families and by the end of the Revolutionary War, October 22, 1781, these men had married and had established themselves in the now present Brick community. After the Revolutionary War, about late in the year 1781, as more people began to come to this community from the northeast and southeast, there came several families by the name of Alexander.. the grandfather of William, Jim, John, and Dick Alexander. To Jim Alexander who settled in Brick was born fifteen children and to John Alexander who settled on Shoals Creek was born twelve children. Other families who settled on Shoals Creek near Old Brick:

Davidson - Father of Obediah and Niloe Davidson - who settled here at the church on the creek (Obediah Davidson married Eleanor Carpenter, daughter of Enoch Carpenter, September 22, 1822, in Lawrence County two years before Enoch's death.)

Jarmon - Several children - they settled here around where the church is today. (Enoch Carpenter's close friend, Amos Jarmon, was the executor of Enoch's Will in Will Book 1, page 34, 1824, Lawrence County, Alabama.)

Faircloth - Near Kitty Kassidy Creek - Associated with Carpenter's in some manner - maybe not blood kin but well-known to each other.

Abernathy - on Bainbridge Road, from Bainbridge to what is now Leighton. A very prominent family with family lines in both Tennessee and Northern Alabama.

Carlock - On Bainbridge Road - One of the most affluent families in that area.

Carter - Settled at New Shady Grove

Other people who settled here from 1780 to 1800 were: Oberry, Hughes, Morrow, Estis, Belew, Morris, Hooks, Carroll, Gillian, Smith, Bradley, Farley, Wade, Stephenson, Hewett, Foster, Persall, Freeman, Mays, Hall, and Carpenter. (Carpenter's just a few years later.) These good people not only reared their families in the Brick Community, they also had slaves who

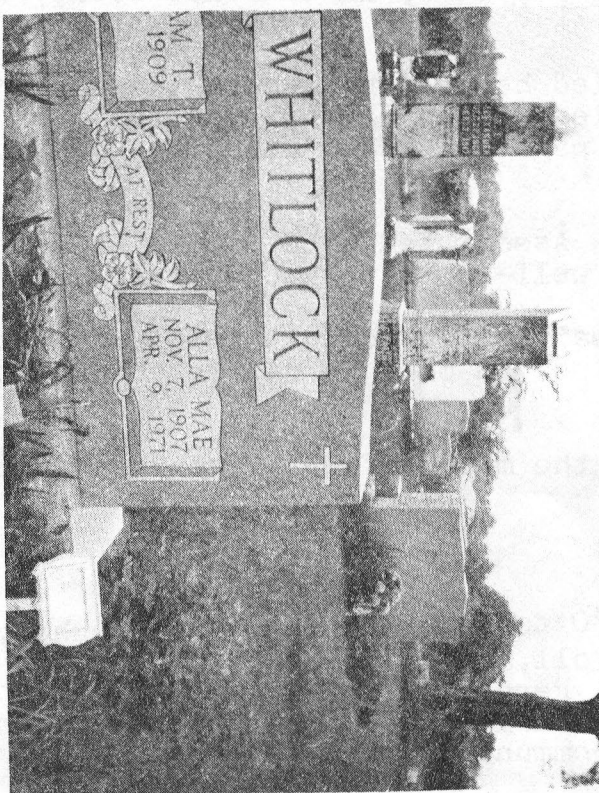
were always true to their family names and worked hard to preserve the life and warfare in the community among the white people and the ever-present Chickasaw and Cherokee Indians!

Of these people who settled, most were Presbyterians. Some were Quakers, Puritans, Methodists, and Baptists. By the year 1799 a Baptist Church was established and formed about one half mile east of the now present Old Brick Church. Although there were numerous Presbyterian preachers and laymen coming through the Brick Community none ever stayed over a month at a time due to having no established church. They would be passing through here on the River and on the Bainbridge Road which both came through the community.

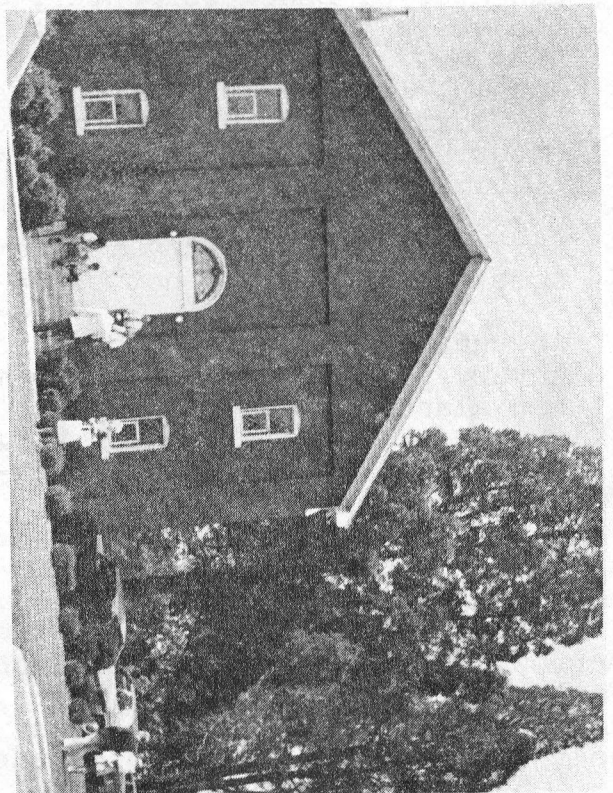
In the year 1805 the Davidsons, Carlocks, Alexanders, and Abernathys, and several other Presbyterian families were called upon to establish a Presbyterian church. The community began to work in one Christian body toward that goal. A preacher passing through would hold revivals at these homes and would hold councils and pray for a church. Now that all of these families had established good homes for themselves and for their slaves, their next desire was for a church of their own.

In the year 1812 a traveling preacher by the name of Carson P. Reed came to this community by way of road from the Tennessee Country. A Presbyterian revival was begun. It was to hold meetings for one week but at the end of the week the revival had made so much progress that it was held a second week. During these two weeks forty-five family heads by name who were bound together as Presbyterians, received baptisms, communion, and were revived in their Christian faith in their Lord Jesus Christ! After this it was resolved to build their church, and if it would be built, Rev. Carson P. Reed would return and be its first preacher! The menfolk and their slaves began the task of hueing timber, boards, shutters, and laths for their church. (In June, 1981, this article will continue with Part 2, the actual erecting of the church.)-- In subsequent publications we will print a thesis written about the history of Old Brick Church by Cousin Lyda Orr Carpenter Barnes Ramer. Before we are finished, we should all know a great deal about this great church and its history. - - - - -

Tombstone of Alla Mae Carpenter  
Whitlock - Old Brick Cemetery



Evelyn Yates Carpenter standing in  
front of Old Brick Church, 1978



- - - LEWIS THOMAS CARPENTER - - -

BY: Mary Love Ferguson Sanders

Lewis Thomas Carpenter was born October 15, 1871, near Savannah, Hardin County, Tennessee, at the home of his maternal grandparents Milton McMahon and Maria Jane Graham Dickson. He was the son of Thomas Wirt and Ellen Isaphine Dickson Carpenter, the grandson of William E. and Lucinda Coleman (Johnson) Dillahunty Carpenter and the great-grandson of Enoch and Sally Evans Carpenter of Amherst County, Virginia and Lawrence County, Alabama.

When he was five years old he moved to Navarro County, Texas with his parents, grandparents, brother and sisters where the family settled about six miles southwest of Corsicana, the county seat. His elder sister Annie (Mrs. William F. Love) wrote in 1925 in her unpublished family history "...he was a quiet little fellow, quick in his movements and quick and bright in wit. His eyes were very expressive. He learned easily at school and made good grades, apparently with little effort." When he was sixteen he was awarded a First Grade Certificate which allowed him to teach at a small rural school not far from his home where some of his students in the upper grades were older than their teacher. He also taught for a year at the Corsicana State Orphans Home before enrolling at Trinity University, then located at Tehuacana, Texas. After receiving the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Trinity in 1894, he "read" law in Corsicana where early in his career he was elected Navarro County Attorney, later becoming a partner in the respected law firm of Frost and Neblett. It was while serving a short term as judge in Navarro County that he acquired the title by which he was known throughout the rest of his life.

In 1897 he married Miss Martha Caroline Johnson of Corsicana who died only two and a half years later, when their daughter Ellen Douglas was eighteen months old. He married Miss Mary Templeton of Corsicana in 1905 and moved to Dallas shortly afterward where he established his own law practice. Their daughter Mary Lewis was born in 1908 and their son Thomas Allison in 1909. Later the Carpenters moved to Phoenix, Arizona where from 1912 until 1918 he served as Assistant Attorney General of Arizona and was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Arizona and New Mexico.

The Carpenters returned to Dallas in 1918 where Lewis Carpenter again entered private law practice. Always interested in the natural resources of his state, he was elected a member of the 38th Texas Legislature from Dallas County and while serving in the Legislature he wrote and fought through to completion the bill which founded Texas Technological College in Lubbock, now one of the leading universities in the Southwest, the result, he said later, of "a good deal of horsetrading in the Legislature" between rival factions, each wanting the new college for its own district. Carpenter was the principal speaker at the college dedication ceremonies and was honored by the university in 1946 when members of his family presented his portrait to the college. His brother John Carpenter served for many years on the Board of Trustees of Texas Tech.

Lewis Carpenter was one of the organizers of the Texas Security Life Insurance Company in 1929, serving as its vice president and general counsel until 1932 when he assisted in the merger of that company with the Gulf States Life Insurance Company; he also took part in the merger of Gulf States and Southland Life Insurance Company and was vice president and general counsel of Southland Life until ill health forced his retirement. He was a member of the Texas and the Dallas Bar Associations. His son Tom also an attorney and for a while was his father's law partner before his untimely death in 1946. A founder and charter member of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Judge Carpenter was for many years an elder in the church and teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

A strong and penetrating interest in people and their everyday problems led him unobtrusively to help those who were unable to help themselves. To these qualities were added a sociable personality, a quiet ability to solve problems without fanfare and a sense of humor often devastating in its exposure of insincerity, insecurity or quackery. He was an omniverous reader of catholic taste and once, in his placid way, read and smoked his ever-present cigars throughout a violent Gulf hurricane which struck during a family outing to Galveston, to the total exasperation of his anxious family. Today's popular adjective "unflappable" could have been coined to describe the personality of Lewis Carpenter. At odds with this placid personality was his conviction that an automobile should be driven with the same verve and spirit needed to handle the handsome but mettlesome horses he had driven as a young man. The truth of the matter was that he was never taught the finer points of motoring, apparently just the location of the horn and the accelerator, so fortunately he was always able to have a chauffeur and thus many innocent lives were saved, foremost among them the members of his family.

The Carpenters always looked forward to their summer visits with their daughter Mary Lewise Austin and her family at the Austins' summer home in western Massachusetts; he particularly enjoyed the friendly exchange of ideas and opinions with their reserved New England neighbors on Mt. Washington with whom he established a strong rapport. There, as well as at home in Dallas, he always carried hidden peppermints in his vest pocket, to the special delight of his young grandchildren, especially Baby Shirley.

A lover of comfort he nevertheless, at age sixty-seven, arrived one July morning to visit his daughter Ellen and her family at the New Mexico ranch where they were staying and to everyone's consternation insisted on joining his sixteen year old granddaughter on a rough, mountain horseback ride, still dressed in his vested Palm Beach suit and Panama hat. Sure enough, while descending a steep slope his horse slipped and fell, pitching its rider squarely over its ears onto the rocky mountainside. In no way upset or discommoded (although later, back in Dallas, he discovered two broken ribs), he retrieved his eyeglasses, his hat and his cigar, remounted his horse and finished the ride, comfortably accepting the admiration of the local cowpunchers who had been dubious about taking this city gentleman into the mountains. After all, he told them, the front wheels of a large wagon had rolled over his body and he had emerged uninjured while traveling from Tennessee to Texas in a covered wagon train over sixty one years earlier.

After a lengthy illness, Lewis Carpenter died on November 8, 1947, at the family home, 4809 Drexel Drive, in Dallas, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Corsicana. For the genealogical record, a list of his descendants follows:

CHILDREN:

Ellen Douglas Carpenter  
(Mrs. Ted. B. Ferguson)  
Mary Lewise Carpenter  
(Mrs. Robert W. Austin)  
Thomas Allison Carpenter

GRANDCHILDREN:

Mary Ellen Love Ferguson Sanders  
(Mrs. B. Lynn Sanders, Jr.)  
Ellen Isaphine Ferguson  
(died in infancy)  
Lewis Carpenter Austin  
Linda Clark Austin Pescosolido  
(Mrs. Carl A. Pescosolido)  
Jane Winthrop Austin Vaughn  
(Mrs. William M. Vaughn, III)  
Mary King Austin Wyatt

GRANDCHILDREN:

Shirley Lege Allison Carpenter Moore  
(Mrs. H. Leslie Moore)

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN:

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| B. Lynn Sanders, III | Stephanie Carpenter Vaughn |
| Ted Ferguson Sanders | William M. Vaughn, IV      |
| Charles Allen Austin | Nathaniel Austin Vaughn    |
| Alison Austin        | Owen Austin Wyatt          |
| Phillip Pescosolido  | Gwen Gowan Moore           |
| Pamela Pescosolido   | Carolyn Carpenter Moore    |
| Winthrop Pescosolido | Hugh Samuel Moore          |

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN:

Matthew Miller Sanders



In Memory



THOMAS LEWIS CARPENTER

MRS. TED B. FERGUSON

Ellen Douglas Carpenter Ferguson (Mrs. Ted B. Ferguson) was born on January 11, 1898 and is now, of all her family, the one most closely connected with Navarro County activities although directly following her marriage in 1921 she lived in Houston, in Atlanta, Ga. and in Dallas from 1937 until 1960. Her Johnson grandparents and great-grandparents were early settlers at Dresden where her mother Callie Johnson Carpenter was born, her father Lewis T. Carpenter came to Navarro County from Tennessee with his parents and grandparents at age 5 and she was born in Corsicana as were her two grandsons Lynn Sanders III and Ted F. Sanders. In fact, the 50th anniversary of her graduation from Corsicana High School coincided with the graduation of Lynn Sanders III from the same school in 1965. Mrs. Ferguson is also a graduate of Ward-Belmont College, (Nashville) where she majored in voice.

In her teenage years she spent part of each year in Phoenix, Arizona with her father and her step-mother and also much time with her aunt and uncle in Corsicana, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Love. From her Grandmother Carpenter, for whom she was named, and from her aunts, she learned at a very early age the importance of following the precepts of Christian teaching as well as the necessity for gaining a broad intellectual outlook.

Her chief concern throughout her life has been the welfare of her family although she has participated in social and cultural activities both in Dallas and Corsicana. While living in Dallas she was active in the Lyceum Club (president), the Craig Class and the Dallas Woman's Club which she served as a Board member. In Corsicana she belongs to James Blair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (regent), the 19th Century Club (president), the Corsicana Country Club and Kinsloe House Woman's Club. She grew up in the Third Avenue Presbyterian Church of which her Grandfather Johnson was a founder and is now a member of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church of Dallas where her

father was a founder.

It might be said of Mrs. Ferguson that her friends are her avocation, her family her vocation.

by Mary Love Ferguson Sanders

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Thomas Wirt Carpenter, the father of Lewis Thomas Carpenter, was a first cousin to Lycurgus A. Carpenter, Jeremiah Hill Carpenter, Benjamin Franklin Carpenter, Sarah Jane Carpenter Masterson, Ellinder Carpenter Masterson, and the others. Thomas Wirt was also a Confederate Veteran of the War Between the States!

QUERY SECTION: These are worded as simple as possible. As experience is gained, more genealogically acceptable procedures will be implemented. ca. = estimated date - b. = date of birth - d. = date of death - m. = married - cem. = cemetery - Co. = County - States are abbreviated.

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81-1: DANIEL CARPENTER (Loyalist) b. 1750 d. 1830 m. Sarah Merritt b. 1752 d. 1812. Will exchange information. Mrs. Imogene N. Carpenter, 403 E. Parker, Hamburg, Ark. 71646

81-2: GEORGE (ZIMMERMAN) CARPENTER, German doctor from Alsace Lorraine, d. ca. 1779. Wife not known. Have this line proven through 9 generations. Will exchange information. Mrs. George Carpenter III, Route 3, Box 224, Lebanon, Tenn. 37087

81-3: YELBERTON CARPENTER b. ca. 1774 d. ca. 1848 in East Tenn. Has a will written in German in Hawkins Co. In Court House in Rogersville, Tenn. Will exchange information. Mrs. Ruth Carpenter, Shirley, Ill. 61772

81-4: Searching for parents, brothers, and sisters (descendants) of PETER ALOZONA CARPENTER b. ca. 1823-30 m. Pricilla Whorton 1866. Son was RICHARD PERRY CARPENTER b. 1868. Peter Alozona d. in Webb Co. Tex. ca 1879. Will exchange information. Mrs. Solen Carpenter, 1118 Arcadia, Alice, Tex. 78332

81-5: YATES - KILGORE: Need information on the YATES' and KILGORE's of Robertson Co., Tenn. line. In West Tenn. and Shelby Co., Tenn. Will exchange information. Mrs. Evelyn Yates Carpenter, 2101 Nashville Rd., Bowling Green, Ky. 42101

81-6: Need photo or copy of portrait of LUCINDA JOHNSON b. 1799 Va. m. (1) MAJOR LEWIS DILLAHUNTY (2) WILLIAM EDWARD CARPENTER in Lawrence Co., Ala. Lucinda moved to Navarro Co., Tex. 1876. Will exchange information. Mrs. Mary Ferguson Sanders, 1212 Governor's Drive, Corsicana, Tex. 75110

81-7: Wish to communicate with descendants of ELEANOR CARPENTER DAVIDSON and OBEDIAH DAVIDSON m. Sept. 5, 1822, Lawrence Co., Ala. and buried in Old Brick Cem. Eleanor was a daughter of ENOCH AND SALLY EVANS CARPENTER. Children of Eleanor and Obediah: WILKES b. 1830 LOUISA b. 1837 EDWARD T. b. 1838 SHERROD M. b. 1839 (Killed in Civil War) JOSEPH E. b. 1842. Will exchange information. James A. Carpenter, Box 1356, Bowling Green, Ky. 42101

81-8: THOMAS "PADDY" KENT b. ca. 1824-25 in Ala. Wife was a MCCLUSKEY? KIRKLAND? or CHILDS? Believe it was McCluskey, but need more proof. Am searching for and will exchange information with descendants of this family and with KENT descendants in Colbert, Franklin, and Lawrence Co.s, Ala. Mrs. Katie M. Nola, Box 166-A, Springtown, Tex. 76082

81-9: Who was father of JEREMIAH ETHEREDGE III? b. ca. 1770 in Edgecomb Co., N. C. d. after 1840 in Lawrence Co., Ala. (These were the parents of Elizabeth "Betsey" Etheredge Carpenter.) m. SARAH RACKLEY ca. 1791-93. Sarah d. before 1860 in Lawrence Co., Ala. (Now we know that descendants of Lycurgus A. Carpenter are also (maternal) descendants of SARAH RACKLEY!) Will exchange information. Mrs. Bertha Ann Etheredge Walker, P. O. Box 776, Alexander City, Ala. 35010

QUERY SECTION CONTINUED:

81-10: Seeking information on JOHN CARPENTER who lived in Bedford Co., Tenn. Was on tax list there in 1810, but was not on the 1820 list. Thought to have come from N. C. to Tenn. Could he have been direct descendant (maybe son) of THOMAS CARPENTER I of the Amherst Co., Va. area? Will exchange information. Mrs. Charles Carpenter, 204 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, Tenn. 38464

81-11: JOHN W. CARPENTER b. Sept. 25, 1806 d. Oct. 18, 1838. Came to Tex. from Tenn. Was in War with Mexico. Killed by an Indian near Palestine, Tex. Daughter was ELIZA JANE b. Mar. 16, 1832, m. William Thomas Calwell 1851. I am a direct descendant of this marriage. Will exchange information. Mrs. Ruth M. Canterbury, 431 N. Crown Point, Ada, Okla. 74820

81-12: ISAAC CARPENTER b. 1764, Halifax County, N. C. d. 1837 in Anson Co., N. C. m. MARTHA ALLEN 1794. Was third great grandfather of BENJAMIN DOYLE CARPENTER b. Dec. 24, 1887 d. Jul. 16, 1925. Will exchange information. Mrs. Ruby Carpenter Bryan, Route 1, Box 388, Anniston, Ala. 36201

81-13: Seeking information on SAMUEL WITT and HARRIET CAMERON WITT. They were parents of JOSEPH ALBERT WITT b. Feb. 8, 1859 d. Jan. 26, 1910. m. MATTIE CAROLINE BALCH b. Dec. 15, 1862. m. in Lawrence Co., Ala. Jul. 7, 1882. Mattie Caroline's father was EDWARD BALCH who is buried in Masterson Cem., Lawrence Co. (Mattie "Nee" Thomas Kerby Carpenter's mother was MARGERET ELIZABETH BALCH KERBY. Was this Margeret Elizabeth a sister to Edward Balch?) Will exchange information on all of these families. Mrs. Cleo Witt Forquette, 1562 Pettinotti Road, Merced, Calif. 85340

81-14: SOLOMON CARPENTER b. in Ga. in the late 1700's. Lived there until 1810. Moved to Miss. Served in the War of 1812 under General Andrew Jackson. d. in 1839 in Copiah Co., Miss. Not thought to have been of the Virginia Carpenter line, but not certain of this. Will exchange information. Mrs. Judy Hadaway, P. O. Box 571, Longview, Tex. 75601

81-15: Am searching for FERGUSONS! LYCURGUS A. CARPENTER m. MARY FERGUSON (FURGERSON on the marriage bond) Nov. 13, 1851. Later a JOHN HOWELL m. FURGERSON. (Both m. in Lawrence Co., Ala. This is why the Carpenters are related to Julia Howell Esslinger and were related to William Fox Howell. (Fox's daughter, Katherine Howell Etheredge Hollenbeck, presently resides in Town Creek, Ala.) Have some information to exchange. James A. Carpenter, P. O. Box 1356, Bowling Green, KY 42101  
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WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM:

Any direct descendants of JESSE EDWARD KERBY, youngest whole brother of Mattie "Nee" Thomas Kerby Carpenter, who died March 3, 1965, in Pueblo, Colorado, and is buried there!

Any direct descendants of the marriage of WILLIAM EDWARD CARPENTER and his first wife, LUCY RALLS, who were married in Amherst, Virginia, December 16, 1816!

Any members of the KENT and QUILLEN families who are natives of either Colbert, Franklin, or Lawrence Counties, Alabama!

Any person who was either married by FRANKLIN "FRANK" MONROE CARPENTER or whose parents or grandparents were married by him during the time he performed marriage rites!

FRANKLIN "FRANK" MONROE CARPENTER AND MATTIE "NEE" THOMAS  
KERBY CARPENTER AND THEIR ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS - PART 1  
BY: JAMES AUSIE CARPENTER

For some time I have been considering an approach to writing the total history of the Frank/Mattie Kerby Carpenter family. This is my own family line and I have always taken an intense pride in this fact. Maybe I have been personally affected more in this family association than some other descendants due to the fact that in July 1919 my father, Ausie Lycurgus Carpenter, was killed in a shooting accident. Following this tragic event I became a total orphan and was solely dependent upon my Grandfather Frank and his sons and daughters for life itself.

A combination of all that I have attempted to say in the above paragraph has prompted me to attempt to "set it all down in writing." Much of this, but certainly not all, will be from memory and recollections. A number of Frank/Mattie Kerby Carpenter family members have contributed genealogical data, pictures, and family related information. This material and whatever else is sent me will be used. This is to be a series of papers with approximately three pages each in each edition of Carpenter's Genealogical Journal. This will continue until every person in every generation of the Frank/Mattie Kerby Carpenter family has been featured in some fashion. This will be on down to the last descendant who may be born during the last writing and room will be allowed on charts for the adding of future names of those yet unborn. These approximately three pages each quarter will usually include pictures, marriage certificates, birth records, court records, tombstone pictures, and other family history accumulations.

Carpenter and Related Family Papers No's I, IV, and XI dealt with both Frank and Mattie Kerby Carpenter. In paper No. IV Cousin Dorothy Carpenter Hester wrote about the life and times of her father, Robert Jackson Carpenter. Robert was the oldest child of Frank and Mattie Kerby Carpenter. So, really, one of the things that I will be doing in this series of articles will be an extended revision of those three Carpenter family papers to touch all Frank/Mattie Kerby Carpenter family members.

As a supplement to all that I attempt to write about Frank/Mattie Kerby Carpenter, their ancestors, and their descendants, I will publish, with proper editorial credit, everything that I receive of a family history related nature from any family member. Cousin Douglas Draton Robbins (Stancil's son) has taken and developed a number of tombstone pictures and will probably do more of this. These pictures will be included in this series of papers. Cousin Inez Bowling Kerby has supplied me with much family background and with many early family pictures regarding the Kerby family. All of this is to be included. Aunt Alma Carpenter Grissom, youngest daughter and youngest child of Frank and Mattie Kerby Carpenter, has loaned me some valuable early family pictures. These are to be included. A number of others of



this family have contributed pictures, court records, and related family history. All of this will be used. I plan to send family charts to each grandson and granddaughter for completion of genealogical data of each individual family member.

As I get to the children of Frank and Mattie, I will provide genealogy charts that have been commercially designed to give specific family history. I am going back on the family lineage to Virginia (Carpenter) and Tennessee (Kerby) and bring it on forward to Alabama and beyond. Many Frank/Mattie Kerby Carpenter descendants are pursuing distinguished careers or have pursued such careers in professional or other related fields. Many have drawn themselves up "by their bootstraps" and have become successful in their own right. I am going to deal very specifically with each of these (including in-laws).

In all of our most hoped for dreams and aspirations, would or could we have ever believed that "from such humble beginnings so many have advanced so far and succeeded so well." - - - - "From the cotton fields of Colbert County to the steel mills of Birmingham, to roles in the great field of science at Oak Ridge and the Muscle Shoals area, to great church leadership roles, to the Ivy Towers of big colleges and universities, to the great fields of medicine and nursing, to the field of country and western music, to the field of formal music in which university presidents are charmed, to the role of industry in Spokane, Washington, to the world of art in drawing, painting, and ceramics that is almost beyond belief, to the role of business and insurance, to the role of the successful businessman and woman, to the role of a person heading a retarded program devoted to help others who are less fortunate, and on and on." - - - - This is where Frank/Mattie Kerby Carpenter descendants have been or where they are today. I want to record this for present and future generations. It is important that this be done! The second article in June will include the ancestral background of both Frank and Mattie. I hope to make as many personal contacts with family members prior to that time as possible.

A Frank M. Carpenter family group - less several

Faded Picture: Front: Flora, John Franklin, Aaron, Herbert, Dorothy, Cump, James, Miss Jenny, Grandfather Frank Second: Robert, Ben, Herschel, Ethel, Maude - Back: Floyd, Juanita, Catherine, Elsie, Vinnie (Corrections invited)

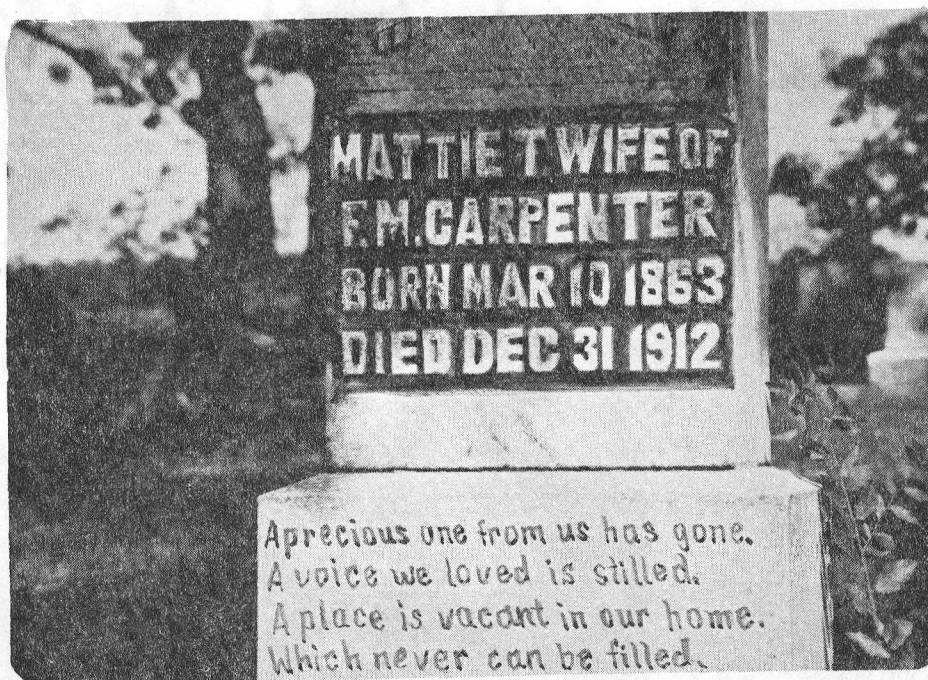
About 1923?



BETHEL CEMETERY, COLBERT COUNTY, ALABAMA



FRANKLIN "FRANK" MONROE CARPENTER

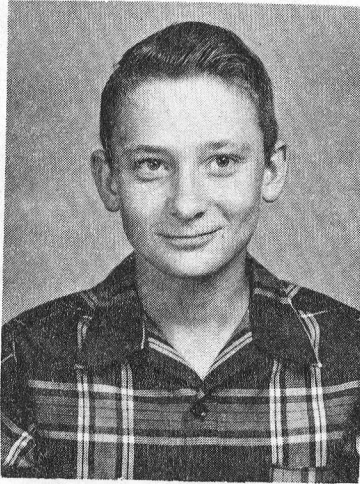


MATTIE THOMAS KERBY CARPENTER

Pictures made by Douglas Drayton Robbins (Great grandson). Pictures retouched by Artist Marci Carpenter Peek (Great granddaughter). Bethel Cemetery and Church are located approximately eight miles south of Leighton.



EARLY PICTURES: Children of Juanita Carpenter Ligon and Henry Nelson Ligon  
Great, Great, Great, Great Grandchildren of Enoch and Sally Evans Carpenter



SCHOOL DAYS 1956-57  
MARS HILL

-PATRICK HENRY LIGON-  
B. 10-24-1942



SCHOOL DAYS 1956-57  
MARS HILL

-MARGARET ANN LIGON (MOMA) -  
B. 12-30-1944

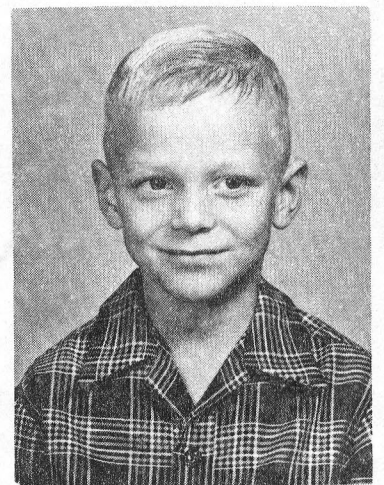


SCHOOL DAYS 1956-57  
MARS HILL

-NANCY WYNELL LIGON (WILSON) -  
B. 1-10-1948



-ANITA LIGON (PATRICK) -  
B. 1-4-1952



SCHOOL DAYS 1956-57  
MARS HILL

-JOHN NELSON LIGON-  
B. 10-10-1949

THE CHESSELY BUN CARPENTER FAMILY: DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF ENOCH  
AND SALLY EVANS CARPENTER - EARLY 1900'S

Standing left to right:

Alla Mae Carpenter (Whitlock)  
b. 11-7-1907 d. 4-9-1971

Mattie Blanche Carpenter (Parker)  
b. 7-4-1911

Floyd Sterling Carpenter  
b. 8-19-1900 d. 12-23-1925

Harvey Furgerson Carpenter  
b. 6-7-1903 d. 3-13-1973

Mary Bun Carpenter (Elledge)  
b. 8-15-1909

Johnie Gabe Carpenter  
b. 12-19-1905 d. 3-6-1950

Seated:

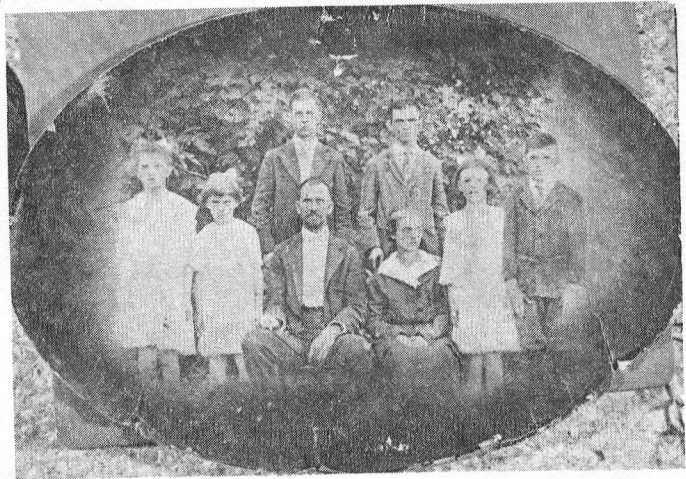
Chessley Bun Carpenter  
b. 7-21-1872 d. 3-5-1960

Rosie Bell Pool Carpenter  
b. 5-24-1874 d. 5-28-1954

Lower right:

Thomas Lycurgus "Kerg" Carpenter  
b. 11-18-1894 d. 2-20-1961

Not shown: Alvie Guye Carpenter  
b. 12-18-1896 d. 4-16-1898



1917



Johnie GABE Carpenter  
(In later years)

*Cing Carpenter and  
Old Rinsy*



# CHILDREN OF EMMA LOU CARPENTER BERRYMAN

Emma Lou was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Carpenter and the great-granddaughter of Enoch and Sally Evans Carpenter



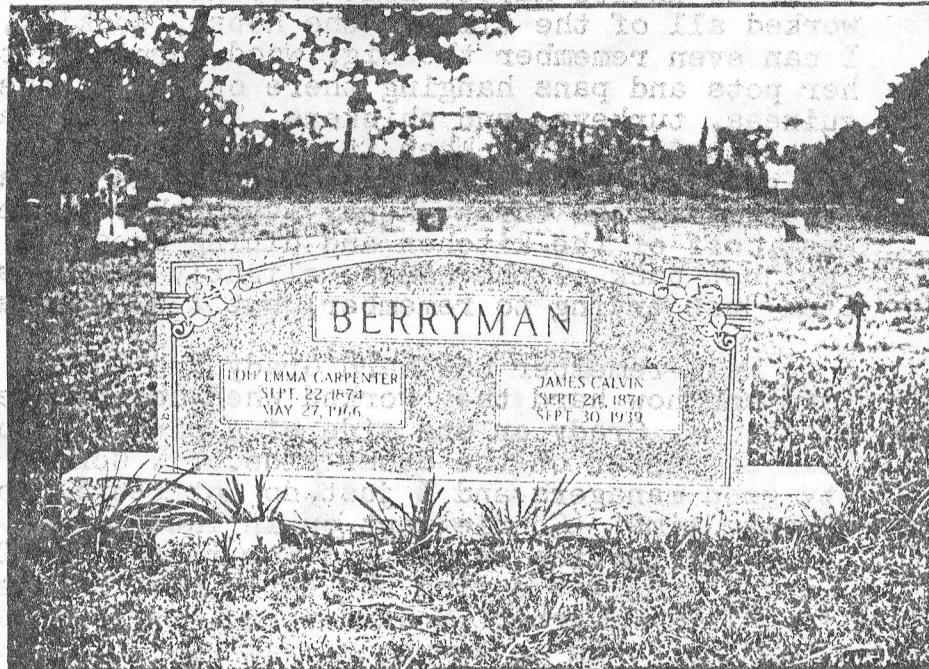
Gladys Berryman (Whitlock)  
b. 4-22-1904 - d. 1-26-1979



Hazel Alleyne Berryman  
b. 11-24-1899 - d. 11-7-1912  
Ulyess Gilbert Berryman  
b. 3-3-1903

## Death of Little Allie Berryman.

Allie Gertrude, the youngest little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Berryman, of East Leighton, died Saturday morning of typhoid-pneumonia, after an illness of several weeks. The little girl was about seven years of age, exceedingly bright and attractive, the pet of the family and an especial favorite of her father. The little form was laid away in Bethel cemetery on Sunday afternoon, by the side of her little sister, Alleyne, who preceded her to Heaven by about one year. Rev. A. P. Odom, of Florence, conducted the burial service. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends, who grieve with them in thus having to give up two of their sweetest children in such a short space of time, but point them to the loving Saviour who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."



Bethel Cemetery - Picture  
by Doug Robbins

b. 3-4-1907 - d. 1-23-1914



"THE ROAD FROM HOYT BUTLER'S TO MERION BECK'HOUSE"

BY: James Ausie Carpenter

Hoyt Lycurgus Butler was given his middle name for his maternal grandfather, Lycurgus A. Carpenter. Hoyt's wife was Fairby Jeanette Copeland Butler. In the years that I lived with Uncle Harvey Home Carpenter, Hoyt's three children were Grady, Connie, and Girtha. Ruby Lee came along later and was not old enough for me to have known her very well when I lived at Uncle Harvey's. Hoyt and his family lived slightly less than one quarter of a mile west of the Beavers Cross School. Their house faced south from the north side of the road.

Hoyt's barn and other work houses were west of the main house , on the same side of the road, with the front of the barn facing toward the main house. Hoyt owned land on both sides of the road. Part of his land came on up the north side of the road to a point directly across the road, from the school. Uncle Harvey's mail box was located directly across the road east of this plot of land and slightly northeast of the school ground. As I recall, Hoyt always had a garden plot, rich in soil, slightly southwest of the main house and just across the road.

I ate meals many times and spent the night at Hoyt's a number of times when I lived with Uncle Harvey. As I recall, I slept with either Grady or Connie, sometimes (colder) in the east bedroom and sometimes in the west. The west bedroom was used as the family living room. There was a huge fireplace in that room for heating in the wintertime. I remember that they had one or more U. S. Army blankets for cover. Perhaps these came from Cousin Hoppe Butler's visits, although I am not certain of this. Hoppe was in the Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, at that time. He was one of Hoyt's younger brothers and his life story is to be considered for a future article in this journal. I do remember that Grady slept the soundest and could get to sleep the quickest of anyone that I have ever known.

Cousin Fairby was always nice and pleasant to me. There was never a question about my staying for a meal. Really, you see, Hoyt and my father, Ausie Lycurgus Carpenter, were first cousins and I was then living with Hoyt's favorite uncle, Harvey Home Carpenter! It seemed to me that Cousin Fairby worked all of the time in the house, cooking, and working in the garden. I can even remember the big, wood burning kitchen stove and how she had her pots and pans hanging there on her kitchen walls. She raised geese, guineas, turkeys, and chickens. Those combinations of farm fowl were always amusing to me. When it rained the water would roll off the backs of the geese and the turkey gobblers would spread their tail feathers and strut among the turkey hens. I remember the back porch just as it was, west, off of the kitchen and dining areas. I think there was a storm cellar just back of the house, slightly northwest. I may be wrong on this. I am just trying to remember, but I can almost see it there!

I well-remember how hard Grady and Connie worked there on their father's farm and how hard they worked when logging season came on Uncle Harvey's place. . . Grady on one side of a pine log pulling a cross-cut saw and Hill Carpenter on the other side. . . Connie and James (J.A.C.) were pretty good managers and I just do not recall how hard Connie did work during logging time! (Connie went on in later years to complete a fine military and civil service career and now resides in Decatur.) I do know that much of this time was during the early part of the Great Depression (everyone blamed it on Herbert Hoover ) and everyone had to work to survive. I also remember Girtha as a pretty girl who sometimes picked blackberries, worked in the garden, helped her mother, and later courted and married Herbert "Jack" Allen McGregor! (Girtha completed a successful teaching career in

Lawrence County and she and Jack now reside in Hillsboro, Alabama.) I have a vague recollection of Ruby Lee as a little red headed girl there on the farm in later years, but I may stand corrected on the color of her hair. But I do remember her!

Neighbors of Hoyt Butler, in short walking distance, were Alma Jeffreys, Roy Jeffreys, John Kerby, and John Etheredge. Of course, Hoyt was blood kin to the John Etheredge family through his (Hoyt's) Great Grandmother Elizabeth "Betsey" Etheredge Carpenter! Not too far, almost due south of Hoyt's farm, was located the home and farm of Willis Scott Butler, another of Hoyt's uncles on the paternal side. Other neighbors on east will be alluded to later in this series of articles. Hoyt's two younger brothers, Obie and Phil, lived on southeast on the Hatton Road about two miles or less.

Hoyt had a speech impediment which caused him to stutter and sometimes be slow of speech. But he was "sharp as a tack" and was well-versed on what was going on throughout the state and the country in-so-far as we received the news in those days. Uncle Harvey did not marry until he was fifty years old and tradition has it that Hoyt lived with him of and on for a number of years while Uncle Harvey was still a bachelor. In listening to these two talk one could easily discern that they had been well-acquainted for a number of years and went back together many years. Both of them were proud of their heritage! Hoyt's mother, Ideller "Della" Carpenter Butler (to whom this edition is dedicated), was Uncle Harvey's only sister. Hoyt was the oldest son and oldest child of Julius Hopton Butler and Della. Besides Hoppe, Obie, and Phil, Hoyt's other brothers were Freddy and Rufus Leo. His two sisters were Dawn Pearl Butler (Gray) and Hettie Lene. Hettie Lene died as an infant. Leo still resides in Florence and Freddy lost his life in France during World War I and is buried in Arlington. Hoyt had three brothers in World War I: Freddy, Hoppe, and Lec!

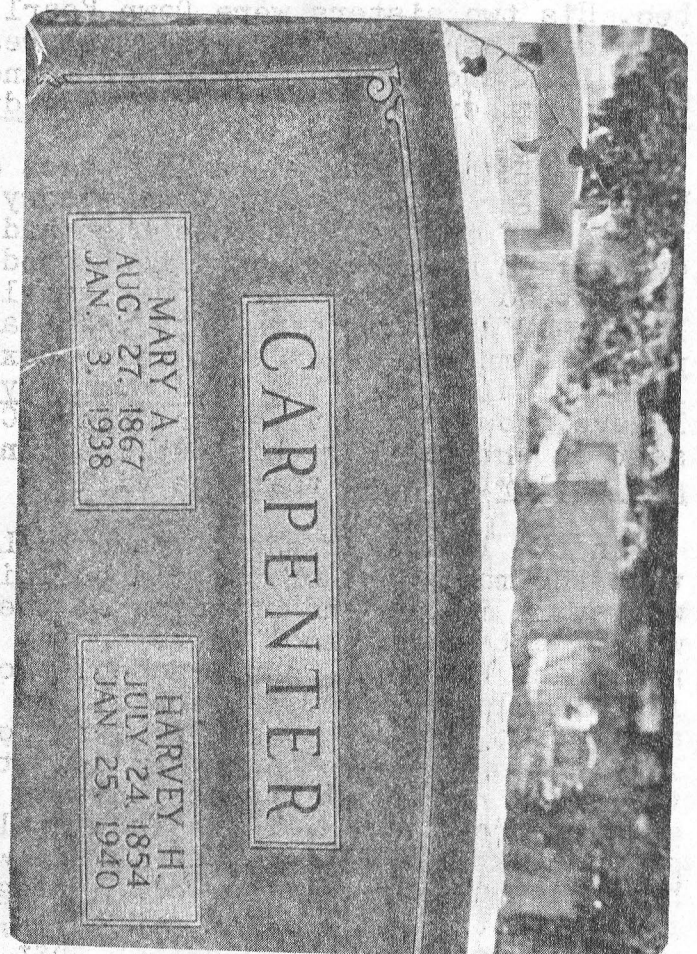
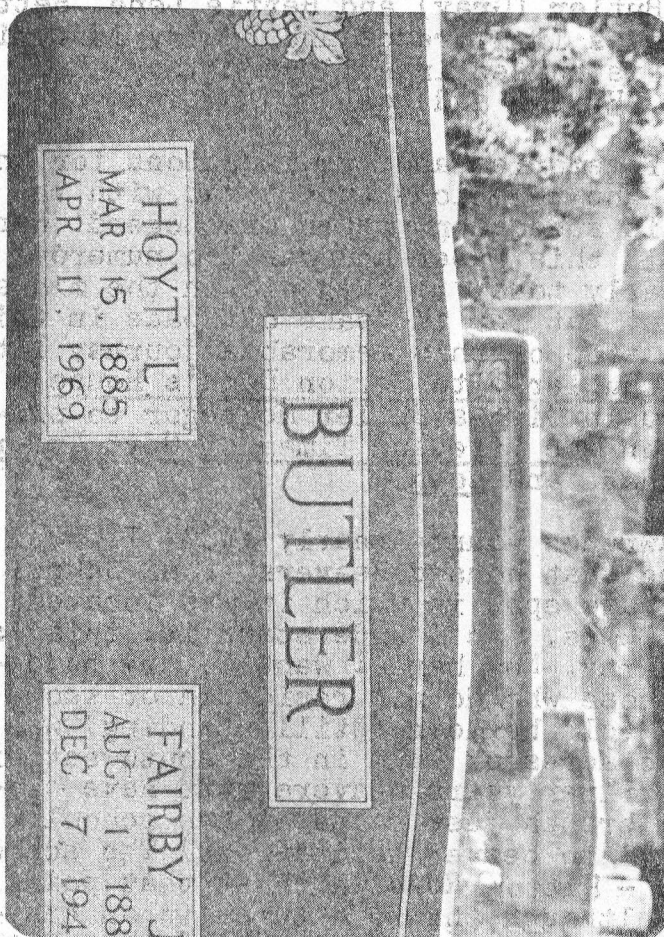
I could possible write 100 pages of memories and recollections for the Hoyt Butler family. . . from memory! The relations that I had with the members of that family both then and in subsequent years are Legend! Many events and happenings both mentioned in this paper and far too numerous to list stand out in my mind just as clearly today as they did in the mid and late 1920's, more than fifty years ago! But for the sake of space in this paper, I must move on east to my next stop on this memorable journey into into nostalgia on "The Road From Hoyt Butler's to Merion Beck's House." I have, however, invited and urged Cousin Girtha Butler McGregor to present an article for this publication on The Life and Times of Hoyt Lycurgus Butler. I hope that she will do that, and soon.

In the last trip that I made to Lawrence County (early 1980) I found that the main part of the old building that housed Beavers Cross School was still intact and standing at the same spot in which it was located when I attended school there in the 1920's. As I understand it, this is no longer Lawrence County school property. Now here I want to try to define the location of the school for those who do not reside in or know about that area. Beavers Cross School (old building still standing) was located on a plot of approximately two acres of land in the southwest of the cross roads. (I suppose that in earlier years beavers must have crossed the road there. There is a small branch just south of the school ground that may have lended itself well to beaver habitation.) The school house actually faced the Wolf Springs - Hatton Road which at that point runs almost exactly north and south, although the road turns in an eastwardly direction toward Hatton just down in front of the Old Julius Butler Homeplace. In front of the school, slightly to the north, a road goes directly on past the Harvey Home Carpenter place and on to the Merion Beck place. This small stretch of road, which will be alluded to in later articles in this series, is the most significant and the most memorable in the mind of this writer!

I attended school at Beavers Cross from about the winter of 1925 until I graduated from there (7th grade) in the spring of 1930. As a boy, those experiences in that school, on that school ground, in that cold outhouse located on the north side of the school, (the girls was located on the southwest side) and the experiences both in and outside of that building stand out just as vividly in my mind now as they actually happened more than fifty years ago! I was the little orphan boy living with Uncle Harvey and Aunt Mamie and everybody knew this, both kin and non-kin. Needles to say, most everyone knew that I was an orphan boy and treated me as such, but maybe not all! . . . Some like Hollis Kerby, Lyle Waldrep, Solen Etheredge, and Leslie Randolph never seemed to show any "orphan boy" sympathy when we were engaged in fist-cuffs, playing Snake, or wrestling. And this was every school day on the school grounds or to and from school! Looking back, I do not find fault with either of these. I do remember that from time to time I fought a pretty good fight and most of the time I "started" the fight! I was reminded by Cousin Myrtle Beck Carpenter in later years that "Let's Fight" was a constant part of my limited vocabulary during the earlier years of my stay with Uncle Harvey and Aunt Mamie Carpenter. (Next article will identify the principal and teachers of Beavers Cross School, record some memorable events in school life, and then move on up the road in an eastwardly direction. This will be in June, 1981.)

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- Providence Cemetery - Pictures  
- by Doug Robbins, Summer, 1980



Aunt Mamie's real name was: Providence Cemetery is located just west of the Providence Baptist Church and approximately one and one-half miles east of the Harvey Home Carpenter Place

Mary Ann!

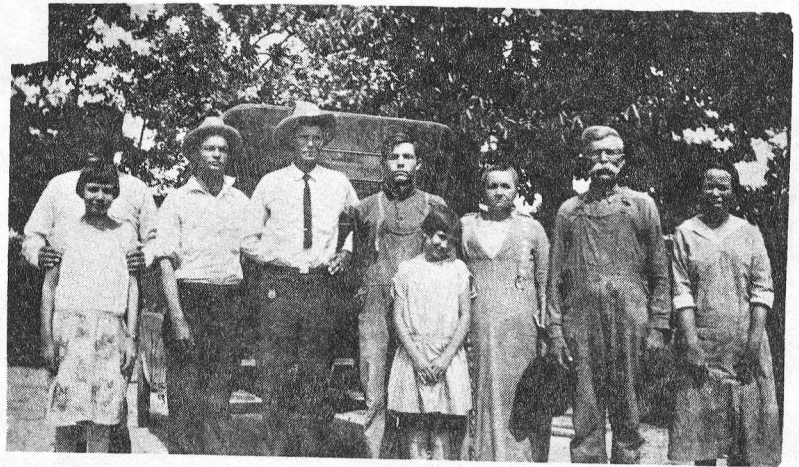


MAMIE BUTLER RANDOLPH CARPENTER AND RELATED FAMILY MEMBERS (ABOUT 1925-26)

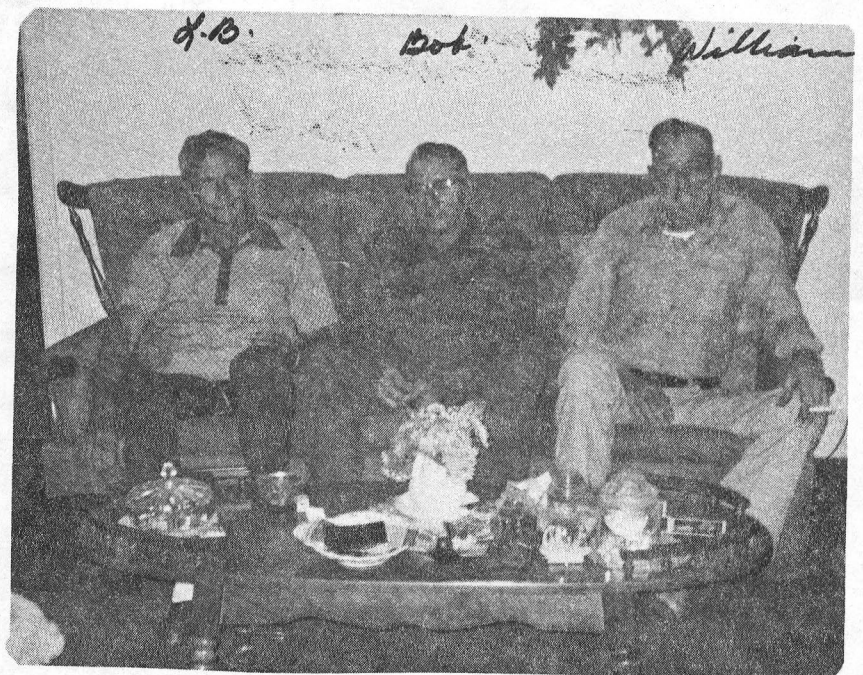
TOP RIGHT: (In front of Scott Butler's Home) Thelma Randolph (Ward), Jewell Randolph (McDaniel)-  
ADULTS: left to right - Lonnie Randolph, Nancy Randolph, Mamie Butler Randolph Carpenter, and Blacke Randolph



CENTER: Thelma Randolph (Ward), Jewell Randolph (McDaniel),  
ADULTS: Left to right - Lonnie Randolph (Poor quality picture), Obie Hubert Butler, Blacke Randolph, Hill Carpenter, Mamie Butler Randolph Carpenter, Harvey Home Carpenter, and other person not identified



LOWER RIGHT: Left to right, L. B. Randolph, Bob Arnold Randolph, and William Randolph - Grandsons of Mamie Butler Randolph Carpenter and sons of Blacke Randolph  
(More recent picture - All three still reside in Ft. Worth - Rhome, Texas)





HATTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BODY AND FACULTY - ABOUT 1925-26



HATTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BODY AND FACULTY - Picture made about 1925-26  
Picture belongs to Joyce Dawson Mitchell - Names identified by Hatton High alumnus  
Libbie Harrison Stephenson - Some are beyond identification. . .

Row 1, Kneeling: 1. Andrew Parker 2. Bob Patterson 3. Curtis Taylor 4. Leslie Randolph 5. ? 6. Roy Wilson 7. Elbert Waldrep 8. Curtis Patterson 9. ? Waldrep 10. Roy Holbrooks 11. Ulyess Berryman 12. Walter Hall 13. Howard Little 14. ? 15. face hidden 16. Grady Simmons 17. Alton Parker 18. Cecil Vines 19. Hudson Montgomery 20. Lyndon Randolph 21. Kyle Taylor 22. Guy Burden 23. Arlo Anderton 24. R. M. Landers 25. Charles Hagood 26. Harold Stewart 27. Garner Warren 28. Buster Hagood 29. Curnel Beck 30. Ted White 31. half face

Row 2, Kneeling: 1. Louise Craig 2. Lois White 3. Dorothy Sue White 4. Verna Hagood 5. Selma Flannagin 6. Imogene Hagood 7. Bessie Flannagin 8. ?

Row 3: 1. Nolen Flannagin 2. Hill Carpenter 3. Olen D. Roberson, Principal 4. Nilmer Stewart 5. Mamie Holbrooks 6. Ruby Taylor 7. ? 8. Ester B. Montgomery 9. Willie Vines 10. Mildred Taylor 11. Madgie Pate 12. ? 13. Irene Berryman 14. ? Collier 15. Nina Lee Taylor 16. Cecil Taylor 17. Florence Witt 18. Audry White 19. ? 20. Hazel Burden 21. Sadie Stewart 22. Lillie Jane Anderton

Row 4: 1. Claude Jackson 2. girl 3. Florence Parker 4. Othel Montgomery 5. Eula Mae Walker 6. Leacy Johnson 7. Nellie Bond 8. Ola Stewart 9. Mossie Vines 10. Ada Jeffreys 11. Carrie Landers 12. ? 13. Libbie Harrison 14. Mattie Hagood 15. Pauline Hagood 16. Bessie Wright 17. Alpha White 18. ? 19. Dellie Hagood 20. Vada Jeffreys 21. Carrie White 22. Maggie Hagood 23. Edna Hall 24. Ruby Warren 25. Mary Wright 26. Nora Hagood 27. Mildred Hagood 28. Elsie Flannagin 29. Gladys Buttram, Teacher 30. Ruby Flannagin

Row 5, Beginning third to the right of Claude Jackson: 1. Helen Burks 2. Jean Taylor 3. Reba Dawson 4. Benny Masterson 5. Theron Harrison 6. Woodrow Burks 7. Opal Montgomery 8. Mildred Little 9. Blanche Hall 10. Ludie Stewart 11. Mae Little 12. Syble Loosier 13. Pauline Burden 14. Ola Mae Thompson 15. Kathleen White 16. Mrs. Sanders, Teacher 17. Betty Lou Windham, Teacher 18. Mildred Alexander, Teacher

Row 6, Back of Claude Jackson: 1. face blotted out 2. Harley Stewart 3. Grady Waldrep 4. ? 5. Clarence Hagood 6. Arthur Wright 7. Sidney Parker 8. Porter Harrison 9. Van Hall 10. Nolen Beck 11. Garland Beck 12. Frank Wright 13. Tommy Sanderson 14. Austin Anderton 15. ? 16. face hidden 17. Grady Butler 18. Grady Beck 19. Paul Christian 20. Maggie Landers 21. Odus Sanderson 22. Robert Sanderson 23. ? 24. Grady Reed 25. Henry Taylor 26. James Ray 27. Ralph Walker 28. ? 29. Albert Patterson 30. Eddie McCreless 31. Luer Johnson 32. Henry Burks 33. Mr. Wimberly, Teacher

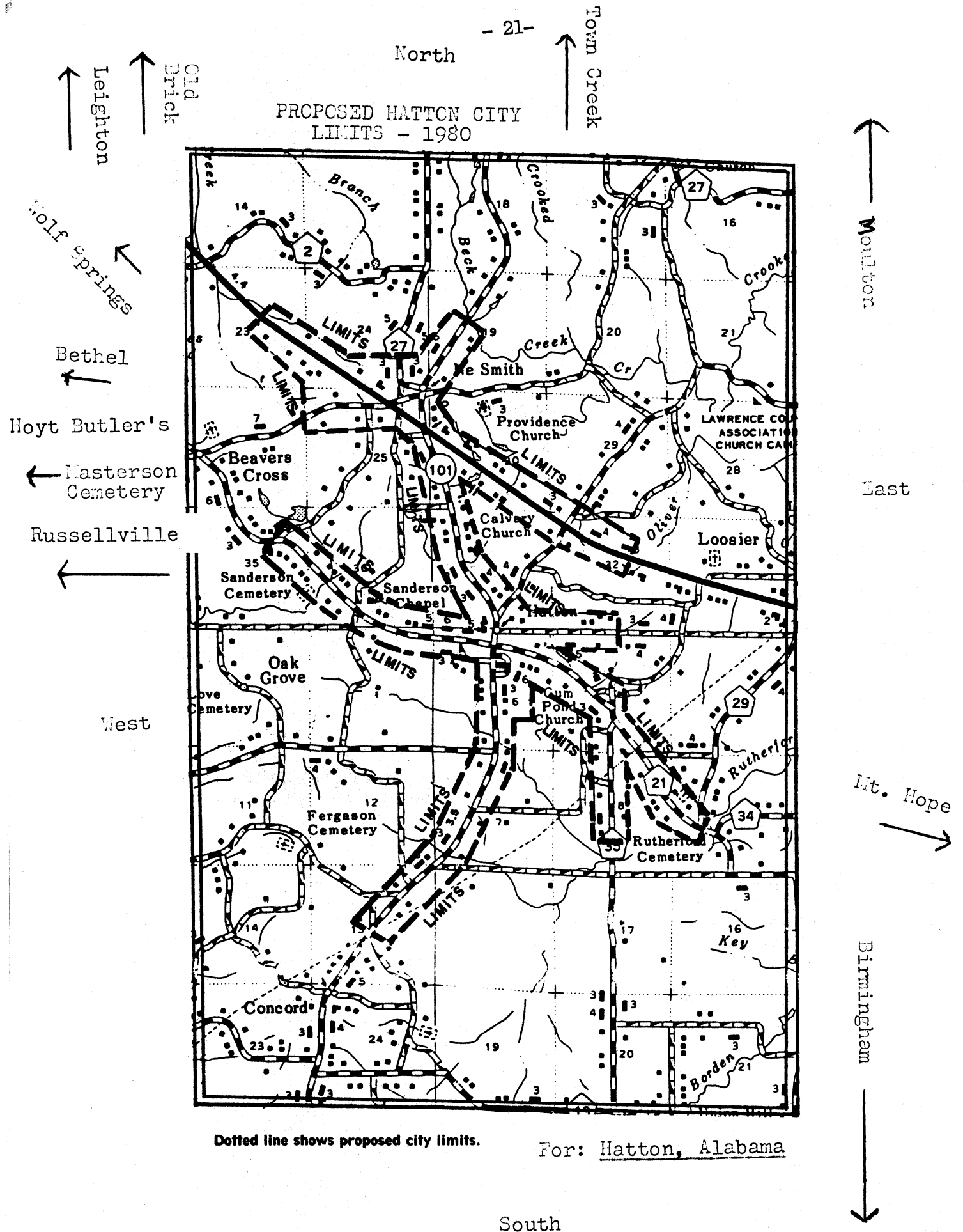
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How many do you know? Are there corrections? Where are they now? Write me! Joyce Dawson Mitchell identified a number of these correspondingly with Libbie's identification. Where is Myrtle Beck on this picture? I know that she was attending school there then! There are some Enoch Carpenter descendants in this group: Hill Carpenter, Grady Butler, Florence Witt, Uyless Berryman (?). Libbie Harrison is related to the Franklin Monroe Carpenter family through the Kerby line. I hope many will write me about this picture! J.A.C.



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PROPOSED HATTON CITY  
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# THE SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812

*in the State of Alabama*



COL. WILLIAM T. CARPENTER, U.S.A. RETIRED  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS  
1018 MYRTLEWOOD DRIVE  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

*From the office of:*

November 18, 1952

Mrs. Jessielynn Carpenter Bishop  
311 E. Tyler Street  
Athens, Tex.

Dear Mrs. Bishop:

The tradition in my family is that we descend from five or seven brothers who came to America before the Revolutionary War and settled in Virginia. I descend from one of them, Thomas Carpenter I, who bought land in Amherst County, Virginia, in 1765. His farm is now in Nelson County, Virginia, which was cut off from Amherst County in 1807. He had some six sons and two daughters that I know of. Five of his sons served in the Revolutionary War, and I descend from his son, Thomas Carpenter II, who died at home in July, 1781, while on furlough from the Army.

I visited Amherst County, Virginia, in 1928 and copied all the records I could find on Carpenters and I found that on March 1, 1779, one Benjamin Carpenter and James Littrel of Amherst County bought 140 acres of land from Samuel Woods and Mary his wife, "Land on which they now live." I do not know when this Benjamin moved to Amherst County. A grandson of his wrote me November 24, 1915, - Richard Eden Carpenter of Lahore, Orange County, Virginia - that his grandfather, Benjamin came from England and stopped in King and Queen County, Virginia and then moved to Amherst. Now this Benjamin and my great, great grandfather, Thomas Carpenter I, signed the Petition of Dissenters of Albermarle, Amherst, and Buckingham Counties October 22, 1776. So Benjamin was there in 1776. You descend from this Benjamin Carpenter, and I have always thought that he and my Thomas Carpenter I were brothers, though I have no proof of this.

Now this Benjamin Carpenter had sons Eaton and Austin. Austin had seven sons of whom Richard Eden Carpenter mentioned above was the youngest. (No! Austin only had two sons, William Enoch and Richard Eden - J.A.C.) And Richard Eden Carpenter mentioned in writing to me "an eldest brother Enoch" from whom you descend. He had another brother, Benjamin. (It has been proven that this is in error. We do not descend from this Enoch, but from his own Uncle Enoch Carpenter! This Austin was our Enoch's youngest brother. Austin's two sons, William Enoch and Richard Eden, fought in the Civil War for the South. Rupert Deane Carpenter presently of Monroe, Virginia, and husband of Elsie Drummond Carpenter "Aunt Elsie" is a direct descendant of this Richard Eden Carpenter, a grandson! J.A.C.)

Benjamin Carpenter made his will in Amherst County June 24, 1825, and it was probated May 21, 1832. In it he mentions wife Mary, sons Austin, Eaton, James, and Hensley, and daughter Mary Rodgers. You will note that he did not mention Enoch; well, he had removed to Alabama and no doubt received a settlement beforehand. I copied notes of the estate settlement which lasted until November 10, 1837, and during that time the various Executors were William Rodgers, Charles C. Rodgers, Eaton Carpenter, Austin Carpenter, and James Carpenter. Slaves were given to the heirs as follows: William Rodgers - 5; Hensley Carpenter of Tennessee - 4; James Carpenter of Alabama - 4 slaves. So Enoch's brother, James, also came to Alabama. (Yes - settled in Franklin County which is now Colbert County - J.A.C.)

In the Amherst County Census of 1783 Benjamin Carpenter is listed as "6 whites." In a deed of Benjamin Carpenter of February 25, 1782, his wife is given as "Sarah" so he must have married twice. (Yes - we believe Sarah was Enoch's mother and possibly Eaton's also. J.A.C.) I find that most of the sons of this family moved to Tennessee or elsewhere, and I have picked up some of them living along with some of my branch in Knox County, Tennessee.

The widow Sarah of my Thomas II moved with her children to Knox County, Tennessee, and her son Thomas Carpenter III from whom I descend married in June 1801 Mary Ann Shook in that County. In 1814 they moved to Harrison County, Indiana, raised a large family, and died in Green County, Indiana, in the 1840's. While in Amherst I found a will of your (wrong) Austin Carpenter dated April 1857, and proven June 15, 1857, in which he mentions Catherine I. Carpenter and son, Benjamin. (There is some confusion in this statement. We do not believe that Austin had sons other than William Enoch and Richard Eden! J.A.C.)

Marriage bonds: ENOCH CARPENTER AND SALLY EVANS October 20, 1794  
JAMES CARPENTER AND MAHABETH MAYS January 15, 1812, signed James X (mark) Carpenter and Ferdinand Leigh, etc. . This James Carpenter was either the heir of Benjamin Carpenter who received 4 slaves and went to Alabama or son of Thomas Carpenter I who had sons Thomas, Benjamin, William, James, John, George, Samuel, and Jesse. I think this James was son of your Benjamin for his brother Hensley Carpenter and Rhody Mays were bonded for marriage in Amherst County on November 3, 1797, the bondsmen being Benjamin Carpenter and Robert Mays.

Sincerely yours,

74 years old  
1018 Myrtlewood Drive  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

/s/ William T. Carpenter, Colonel  
USA Retired

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Jessielynn (Jessie Lynn) Carpenter Bishop was a direct descendant of Enoch and Sally Evans Carpenter. She was a daughter of Thomas Wirt Carpenter and a granddaughter of William Edward Carpenter, oldest child and oldest son of Enoch and Sally. Among the members of her immediate family (in Texas) were her two great brothers, Lewis Thomas and John William Carpenter!

Jessielynn was the genealogist who finally discovered the Enoch Carpenter will in Lawrence County, Alabama, after searching for it more than 33 years. . . . Genealogist Raymond George Carpenter states that "based on Colonel William T. Carpenter's expertise as a family history researcher and on his integrity and sincerity as an individual, we may conclude without question that this Benjamin of whom he speaks was the father of Enoch, Eaton, James, Hensley, Mary Carpenter Rodgers, and Austin Carpenter." I am inclined to fully concur with Cousin Raymond's conclusion! J.A.C.



MCCLUSKEY FAMILY REUNION - - THOMAS H. LIGON - - THE LEIGHTON NEWS

October 15, 1914 - - - - - Contributed by: Richard C. Sheridan

On the 4th Sunday of September, 1914, Dr. J. S. McCluskey and family, who live 8 miles north of Florence, at Hines, Alabama, and more than one hundred of his relatives and friends met in a happy reunion at the river, just above the bridge near South Florence, to spend one more sweet Sabbath day together...Everything was favorable for the occasion; the roads were good; the scenes of nature along the river were fine; and the weather was never more beautiful.

They sang several good songs, and services were conducted by Reverend John Richmond, after which at about the noon hour a beautiful dinner was laid out before us, and for the biggest part of the next hour we all fared sumptuously, but in spite of all we could do, enough fragments were taken up for another such occasion. After dinner several more good songs were sung.

Dr. McCluskey told me the following history of his father's family: In the year 1827 his father, James McCluskey, came to this country from Belfast, Ireland. His mother was the former Miss Amanda Childs. His father and mother were married in Richmond, Virginia. They came on a steamer from Baltimore to South Florence (Alabama) in 1830, landing at the same spot where 85 years hence their many relatives, including great, great grandchildren met in a reunion. (October, 1914)...These people of 1830 knew but little of the ways of fast transportation that we now have; what wonderful developments in a part of a century.

James McCluskey was an optician and jeweler by trade. After landing at South Florence, he went to Mt. Hope (in Lawrence County) and later purchased a house near Newburg, where he located permanently. Here he raised his family, three girls and three boys. The boys were Dr. J. S., Capt. John D., and Thomas B.

The Doctor practiced medicine for 49 years, and is also an ex-Confederate soldier. Capt. John D. was a lawyer and served two years in the Alabama Legislature. Thomas B. was a farmer. The Doctor is now 82 years of age, and the only survivor of his father's family (immediate survivor) his wife, who was Emiline Kent, is 76 years old.

After the last song and the benediction was said, then came the sad parting of friends and relatives although it was announced that one year hence on the 4th Sunday of September, 1915, they would meet again at the same place.

From "Valley Leaves"...Sent to the Carpenter and Related Family Historical Journal by: Annie McCluskey Brewer, Birmingham, Alabama.

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The descendants of Rachel Dawson McCluskey and Ader Bell Dawson McCluskey are directly descended from one of the above mentioned sons of James McCluskey and are directly descended from James. It is interesting to note that Dr. J. S. McCluskey married Emiline Kent and that she was 76 years of age in 1914. Well, the 1860 census records of Franklin County, Alabama, records an Emiline Kent as a daughter of a Frank Kent, age 57, farmer, born in Virginia. Her sister is recorded as Agness, age 21. Both were born in Alabama. Is it possible that I am related to the McCluskeys on both sides of the Family? Further information on this is invited from any subscriber. J. A. C.

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| Mrs. Ann Thompson Richards<br>5514 Southwestern<br>Dallas, Texas 75209                               | Direct descendant of Susanna Carpenter Lattimore from Rutherford County, North Carolina ca. 1770                                           |
| Mrs. Opal Gray Richardson<br>134 East Duncan<br>Florence, Alabama 35630                              | Daughter of Pearl Butler Gray and granddaughter of Ideller "Della" Carpenter Butler                                                        |
| Mr. Douglas Draton Robbins<br>Route 2, Box 362-A<br>Leighton, Alabama 35646                          | Son of Stancil Gerald Robbins and grandson of Delia Carpenter Robbins                                                                      |
| Mrs. Ethel Campbell Robbins<br>Route 2, LaGrange Road<br>Leighton, Alabama 35646                     | Wife of Earl Robbins, daughter-in-law of Delia Carpenter Robbins, and sister-in-law of Beatrice Looney Campbell (James Ausie's 1st cousin) |
| Miss Eunice Robbins<br>Route 1, Box 125<br>Russellville, Alabama 35653                               | Daughter of Oscar Robbins and 1st cousin of Hazel Robbins Logan and Stancil Gerald Robbins                                                 |
| Mr. Gerald Thomas Robbins<br>Route 7, Hyde Lake<br>Russellville, Alabama 35653                       | Son of Stancil Gerald Robbins and grandson of Delia Carpenter Robbins                                                                      |
| Miss Mattie Robbins<br>Route 1, Box 125<br>Russellville, Alabama 35653                               | Daughter of Oscar Robbins and 1st cousin of Hazel Robbins Logan and Stancil Gerald Robbins                                                 |
| Mr. Stancil Gerald Robbins<br>P. O. Box 2402<br>Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35660                         | Youngest child and youngest son of Delia Carpenter Robbins and grandson of Franklin Monroe Carpenter                                       |
| Mrs. Helen Carpenter Roberts<br>Route 1, Box 2<br>Monroe, Virginia 24574                             | Daughter of Rupert Deane and Elsie ("Aunt Elsie") Drummond Carpenter - Descendant of Austin Carpenter                                      |
| Mrs. Shirley Montgomery Robinson<br>604 Bentley "The Oaks"<br>Bastrop, Louisiana 71220               | Daughter of Bertha Bonnie Carpenter Montgomery and descendant of Solomon Carpenter (family historian)                                      |
| Mr. Grady Roden<br>1605 Robertson Drive<br>Sheffield, Alabama 35660                                  | Son of Cynthia Moreland Roden, grandson of Sarah Elizabeth Hatton, and 3rd great grandson of Lucinda Carpenter Hatton                      |
| Ms. Jerre Roe, Librarian<br>Corsicana Public Library<br>100 N. 12th Street<br>Corsicana, Texas 75110 | Librarian at the Corsicana City Library who receives, responds, and files copies of Carpenter family paper                                 |

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| Mrs. Mattie Belle Carpenter Ross<br>2114 Oakland Drive<br>Cleveland, Tennessee 37311                      | Authoress and Genealogist - Proven<br>23rd direct descendant of John<br>Carpenter of Leskard, England                                  |
| Mrs. Lillian Glanton Carpenter Russell<br>Route 3, Old Moulton Road<br>Decatur, Alabama 35601             | Wife of Benjamin "Ben" Paul<br>Carpenter and step mother of Aaron,<br>Herbert, and Herschel Carpenter                                  |
| Dr. Darrell A. Russell<br>Natchez Trace Genealogical Society<br>P. O. Box 1645<br>Florence, Alabama 35631 | Publication Chairperson, Natchez<br>Trace Genealogical Society and very<br>interested in Carpenter history                             |
| Mrs. Mary Love Ferguson Sanders<br>1212 Governors Drive<br>Corsicana, Texas 75110                         | Daughter of Ellen Douglas Carpenter,<br>granddaughter of Lewis Thomas<br>Carpenter and 3rd great grand-<br>daughter of Enoch Carpenter |
| Mrs. Evelyn Roberts Sanderson<br>Route 2, Box 104<br>Killen, Alabama 35645                                | Wife of John Woodie Sanderson who<br>was a direct descendant of Lucinda<br>Carpenter Hatton                                            |
| Mr. Willie Calvin Sanderson<br>4006 Peachtree<br>Florence, Alabama 35630                                  | Son of Ida Dawson Sanderson and<br>great, great grandson of Lucinda<br>Carpenter Hatton                                                |
| Joyce Logan Shank<br>1709 Gaviota<br>Long Beach, California 90803                                         | Daughter of Hazel Robbins Logan and<br>granddaughter of Delia Carpenter<br>Robbins                                                     |
| Mrs. Sharon Butler Shaw<br>Route 3, Box 425<br>Warrenton, Virginia 22186                                  | Daughter of Leo Butler, Jr., and<br>granddaughter of Rufus Leo Butler -<br>Great granddaughter of Ideller<br>"Della" Carpenter Butler  |
| Mrs. Audrey Blankenship Smith<br>Route 1, Box 170<br>Mt. Hope, Alabama 35651                              | Daughter of Maudie Ann Ayers and<br>great, great granddaughter of<br>Jeremiah Hill Carpenter                                           |
| Mrs. Betty Sue Parker Smith<br>Route 3, Box 123<br>Town Creek, Alabama 35672                              | Daughter of Mattie Blanche Carpenter<br>Parker and granddaughter of Chessely<br>Bun Carpenter                                          |
| Mrs. Charlotte Carpenter Smith<br>2791 Walker Lee Drive<br>Los Alamitos, California 90720                 | Daughter of Jesse L. Carpenter and<br>granddaughter of Thomas Carpenter<br>later of Independence, Arkansas                             |
| Mrs. Eleanor Harrison Smith<br>Route 4, Box 81<br>Russellville, Alabama 35653                             | Daughter of Robert Stinson Harrison<br>and great, great granddaughter of<br>Lucinda Carpenter Hatton                                   |



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| Mr. James Doan Smith<br>Route 1, Old Brick Road<br>Sheffield, Alabama 35660                             | His sister, Dora Smith, was a close friend of Ausie Lycurgus Carpenter just prior to Ausie's death, 1919                               |
| Mrs. Maudie Lee Sanderson Smith<br>202 Minnehaha Avenue<br>Florence, Alabama 35630                      | Daughter of Ida Irene Dawson Sanderson and great, great granddaughter of Lucinda Carpenter Hatton                                      |
| Mrs. Sandra Carpenter Stark<br>Franklin Street<br>Alexander City, Alabama 35010                         | Daughter of John Franklin Carpenter and granddaughter of Vinnett "Vinnie" Clyde Carpenter                                              |
| Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Craig Stokes<br>Route 1<br>Town Creek, Alabama 35672                                | Daughter of Addie Maldony Grissom Craig and 3rd great granddaughter of Lucinda Carpenter Hatton                                        |
| Mrs. Libbie Harrison Stephenson<br>Route 3, Box 20, Mt. Haven<br>Tuscumbia, Alabama 35674               | Daughter of Margie Jackson Harrison and descendant of William and Sallie Kerby (Colbert County)                                        |
| Mrs. Martha Mae Elledge Straka<br>32-36 S. 48 Court<br>Cicero, Illinois 60650                           | Daughter of Mary Bun Carpenter Elledge and granddaughter of Chessley Bun Carpenter                                                     |
| Mr. E. Hadley Streater, Jr.<br>5722 Stoneway Trail<br>Nashville, Tennessee 37202                        | Son of Gladys Marie Gray Streater, grandson of Pearl Butler Gray, and great grandson of Ideller "Della" Carpenter Butler               |
| Mr. Dennis R. Terry<br>117 Wheeler Avenue<br>Sheffield, Alabama 35660                                   | Boyhood friend of James Ausie Carpenter - Once lived in Hoyt Butler House near Uncle Harvey's                                          |
| Mr. Elvie O. Terry<br>Route 5, Box 1112<br>Moulton, Alabama 35650                                       | Schoolmate of James Ausie Carpenter at Hatton High School. Basketball star                                                             |
| Mrs. Hettie Lene Butler Terry<br>1 Signore Drive<br>Russellville, Alabama 35653                         | Daughter of Obie Hubert Butler and granddaughter of Ideller "Della" Carpenter Butler                                                   |
| Miss Lesa Terry, R. N.<br>Apt. 3A, Spanish Quarters<br>3601 Gaslight Curve<br>Montgomery, Alabama 36116 | Daughter of Hettie Lene Butler Terry, granddaughter of Obie Hubert Butler, and great granddaughter of Ideller "Della" Carpenter Butler |
| Mrs. Lilly Joy Craig Terry<br>1505 Grace Avenue<br>Athens, Alabama 35612                                | Daughter of Addie Maldony Grissom Craig and 3rd great granddaughter of Lucinda Carpenter Hatton                                        |

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| Mrs. Arlene Willis Tharp<br>Box 2620, S. R. 89031<br>Las Vegas, Nevada 89101                                                   | Direct descendant of Robert Carpenter through Robert's daughter, Elvira Elizabeth Carpenter Simpson                                      |
| Mrs. Janet Harrison Thomas<br>Route 5, Box 267<br>Florence, Alabama 35630                                                      | Daughter of John Coolidge Harrison, granddaughter of Robert Stinson Harrison, and 3rd great granddaughter of Lucinda Carpenter Hatton    |
| Mrs. Mildred Cecelia Carpenter Thomas<br>P. O. Box 1<br>Madison Heights, Virginia 24572                                        | Daughter of Lucian Finley Carpenter and direct descendant of Austin Carpenter, Amherst County                                            |
| Mrs. Mary Francis Carpenter Thompson<br>3320 Monte D'Ore Drive<br>Birmingham, Alabama 35216                                    | Daughter of Harvey Hill Carpenter and granddaughter of Harvey Home Carpenter                                                             |
| Mrs. Judith "Judy" Trolinger<br>Armed Forces Courier Station<br>Box 86, NAS, Cubi Point<br>FPO San Francisco, California 96554 | Wife of John S. Trolinger who is a direct descendant of John Carpenter b. 1755, Carpenter Station, Kentucky - (Zimmerman descendant)     |
| Mrs. Freida Carpenter Tucker<br>General Delivery<br>Lowesville, Virginia 22952                                                 | Granddaughter of Rupert Deane Carpenter and Elsie Drummond Carpenter and lives in area where Enoch Carpenter once owned land             |
| Mrs. Joy Margaret Posey Tucker<br>1504 15th Avenue, S. W.<br>Decatur, Alabama 35601                                            | Daughter of Mattie Lee Butler Posey, granddaughter of Mattie Nichols Butler, and great granddaughter of Ideller "Della" Carpenter Butler |
| Mrs. Lyda Blackwell Williams Underwood<br>714 Jefferson Street<br>Tuscumbia, Alabama 35674                                     | Daughter of Belle Masterson Blackwell and granddaughter of Ellinder Carpenter Masterson                                                  |
| Mrs. Bertha Ann Etheredge Walker<br>P. O. Box 776<br>Alexander City, Alabama 35010                                             | Direct descendant of Jeremiah Etheredge III who was also father of Elizabeth "Betsey" Carpenter                                          |
| Mrs. Pearline Gargis Walker<br>County Line Road<br>Leighton, Alabama 35646                                                     | Youngest daughter of Sarah Elizabeth "Betty" Carpenter Gargis and granddaughter of Jeremiah Hill Carpenter                               |
| Mrs. Beulah Widney Wall<br>6241 Country Club Drive<br>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73159                                            | Family historian and direct descendant of Thomas Carpenter II, then Thomas III, then James, then William                                 |
| Mrs. Myra Carpenter Walsh<br>1709 Whitehead Road<br>Richmond, Virginia 23225                                                   | Daughter of Lucian Finley Carpenter and direct descendant of Austin Carpenter, Amherst County                                            |

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| Mrs. Thelma Randolph Ward<br>621 East Campo<br>Kilgore, Texas 75662                                                                                                                                             | Daughter of Lonnie Randolph and granddaughter of Mamie Butler Randolph Carpenter                                            |
| Mrs. Annie Earline McCluskey Warhurst<br>Route 1, Box 228<br>Russellville, Alabama 35653                                                                                                                        | Daughter of Ader Bell Dawson McCluskey and great, great granddaughter of Lucinda Carpenter Hatton                           |
| Mrs. Mary Jane Moreland Watkins<br>Duncan Lane<br>Leighton, Alabama 35646                                                                                                                                       | Granddaughter of Sarah Elizabeth Hatton Moreland and great, great granddaughter of Lucinda Carpenter Hatton                 |
| Dr. Hilard E. Whitlock, DVM<br>1800 Highway 72, East<br>Tuscumbia, Alabama 35674                                                                                                                                | Son of Gladys Berryman Whitlock and grandson of Emma Lou Carpenter Berryman - Great grandson of Benjamin Franklin Carpenter |
| Mr. William Traver Whitlock<br>Route 1, Box 244<br>Sheffield, Alabama 35660                                                                                                                                     | Husband of Alla Mae Carpenter Whitlock and son-in-law of Chesley Bun Carpenter                                              |
| Mr. Vernice D. Widney<br>208 Rice Drive<br>Watonga, Oklahoma 73772                                                                                                                                              | Brother of Beulah Widney Wall and direct descendant of Thomas Carpenter II of Amherst County area                           |
| Mrs. Carolyn Carpenter Williams<br>3711 Lexington<br>Dallas, Texas 75205                                                                                                                                        | Daughter of John William Carpenter (Texas) and great, great granddaughter of Enoch Carpenter                                |
| Mr. William Blackwell Williams<br>P. O. Box 398<br>Birmingham, Alabama 35201                                                                                                                                    | Son of Lyda Blackwell Williams Underwood and great grandson of Ellinder Carpenter Masterson                                 |
| Mrs. Shirley Lou Dawson Willingham<br>Route 2, Box 441<br>Tuscumbia, Alabama 35674                                                                                                                              | Daughter of William Hill Dawson and great, great granddaughter of Lucinda Carpenter Hatton                                  |
| Mrs. Nancy Wynell Ligon Wilson<br>1606 Burton Avenue<br>Nashville, Tennessee 75215                                                                                                                              | Daughter of Mildred Juanita Carpenter Ligon and granddaughter of Floyd Wyoming Carpenter                                    |
| Mrs. Alice Anne Kerby Woodard<br>Route 2, Box 13-R<br>Arcadia, Louisiana 71001                                                                                                                                  | Daughter of Theo Kerby and granddaughter of Charley Colbert Kerby - Great granddaughter of Andrew Jackson Kerby             |
| This ends 27 pages, 324 names and information, and all of those on my original mailing list. Names that have been added, missed, or those to be corrected will continue in the June, 1981, publication - J.A.C. |                                                                                                                             |



SOME SELECTED LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It has been my pleasure to have had the good fortune to receive several hundred letters of a family history - genealogical nature from both family members and others during the past few years. In my issues of Carpenter and Related Family Papers I featured a number of these. The reader of those papers will remember that I printed a series of those received from Elsie "Aunt Elsie" Drummond Carpenter relative to the present day Carpenters of Amherst County, Virginia, and their ancestors. Here are three more selected at random just as they were received by me.

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Dear James,

March 9, 1979

Albert's letter has been delayed waiting for me to pen a note. In the meantime, your latest dispatch has arrived and we are studying the information. I had in mind observing that Enoch Carpenter must have been a great grandson of Joseph Carpenter because our information did not list a son by name of Benjamin for Joseph. He did have a Solomon who in turn had a Benjamin.

According to the information from Raymond George Carpenter just received, Joseph may have had a son, Benjamin, by his second wife. In this latter case, Enoch would have been a grandson to Joseph! Perhaps we need to study the Benjamin picture a little more. In any case, the "tree trunk" may be identified. And it is a sturdy one - perhaps Oak? ! We appreciate your willing sharing of information. Greetings to your wife. Sincerely,  
/s/ Mildred B. Hunter (Mrs. Albert Sinclair Hunter, State College, PA)

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Dear James,

March 27, 1980

Where did you get those fantastic papers you sent me? I surely hope you don't mind telling me! Is someone working on the Balch family? This is just wonderful! No, James, the Sarah Balch, b. May 20, 1831, is not my great grandmother. She is the sister of my great, great grandfather, Edward Balch, b. June 19, 1825, and Great, Great Grandfather Edward is a brother to your maternal great grandmother, Margeret Balch Kerby, b. March 6, 1833.

In the papers you sent me it shows Edward, d. April 17, 1882, but this is wrong. His will shows he died before 1879. The paper says he married Bella Hillion, but in the 1860 census of Lawrence County, Alabama, it shows his wife's name as Mary. Could her name have been Mary Bella? Childrens' names are same in the papers you sent me, also in will and in 1860 census. So I know it is my Edward. Wonderful!

I have found Edward's father and mother and cousins in Texas. Surely hope we can keep on finding things on the Balch family. I will look more in the court house in Moulton. Write me soon and let me know if you think I am right about my Sarah and your Margeret.  
- - Sincerely, /s/ Audrey (Mrs. Audrey Blankenship Smith, granddaughter of Ida Gargis Ayers and great granddaughter of Sarah Elizabeth "Betty" Carpenter Gargis)

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Dear James,

December 10, 1978

Enclosed is a copy of a statement from the court house in Moulton in regard to my mother's guardian. I am Myrtle Chambers, daughter of Sarah Elizabeth "Betty" Carpenter Gargis and mother of Roy Cameron. Our mother was the sweetest. . . What I am writing are things that I have heard her say. She always sent us to school and church. (Baptist) She was a member of the Sanderson Chapel Methodist Church in Lawrence County, since childhood, I suppose. She never would change churches.

I guess you already know that my mother was an orphan. She ran away and married my father very young. Her mother and father died young. I believe this L. Carpenter (Lycurgus) was the person that raised my mother. She told me that she grew up with Cousin Frank and Harvey and they had a Negro cook. I well-remember these two men. They would bring their families on Sunday and spend the day with us. We would have big dinners and then later would go spend the day with them.

These were horse and buggy days. My grandmother (Sarah Balch Carpenter) got burned and died 24 hours later. My grandfather (Jeremiah Hill Carpenter) was a big fox hunter - - - I am listing below the court statement about my mother:

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
LAWRENCE COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

To Hon. E. H. Foster, Judge of said Court. Your petitioner Meredith Gargis and his wife Elizabeth Gargis respectfully represents to your Honor that the said Elizabeth is a Minor and was formerly before her marriage of the name of Elizabeth Carpenter and our L. Carpenter (Lycurgus) was and is her guardian duly appointed in your Honor's Court and petitioners are advised that the Marriage of the said Elizabeth entitles her to have a final settlement made by her guardian, the said L. Carpenter.

Wherefore, your petition prays that an order be granted for the issuance of a Citation requiring the said L. Carpenter to appear in said court at such time as your Honor may appoint, then and there to file his accounts and vouchers and make a settlement of his said guardianship. . . . Sworn and subscribed before me this 26th Day of October, 1885. . . /s/ E. H. Foster, Judge of the Propate Court. . . .

Sincerely yours, /s/ Myrtle (Myrtle Gargis Cameron Chambers, daughter of Sarah Elizabeth "Betty" Carpenter Gargis and granddaughter of Jeremiah Hill Carpenter)

**Dawson family  
data sought**

Dear Editor:

I would like to find the descendants of W.P. Segins and Susannah (Susie) A. Dawson (born 1833). They were married 26 Feb. 1857 in Lawrence County.

Also, I would like to find descendants of Wm. Johnson and Sarah Jane Dawson. They were married 20 May 1875 in Lawrence County.

If anyone is a descendant or has knowledge of these families, please write me. Thank you. Signed: Joyce D. Mitchell, 104 Colorado Ave., Muscle Shoals, Ala. 35660.

#### Elijah J. Harris

Funeral services for Elijah Joseph Harris, 75, Moulton, who died Monday, Nov. 17, at Lawrence County Hospital, were Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. at the Moulton Baptist Church. Rev. Mickey Dalrymple officiated with burial in Moulton Memory Gardens, Elliott Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Norene Harris, Moulton; two sons, Walter E. (Sonny) Harris, Decatur and Joseph Harris, Huntsville; three grandsons, two sisters, Mrs. Leona Cagle, Mount Hope and Mrs. Mary Graves, Tallahassee, Fla.; three brothers, Ben Harris, Leighton, Eldestern Harris, Decatur and John Harris, Flat Rock.

Pallbearers were Ed King, Bob Henderson, Vince Sparks, Cecil Lauderdale, Carroll Hill and Pete Linkins.

Mr. Harris was a member of the Moulton Baptist Church, where he served as deacon for about 45 years. He was the director of the Bank of Moulton and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Cousin Norene is a niece of  
- Mattie Thomas Kerby Carpenter! -

TRUE COPY OF MARRIAGE BOND OF ENOCH AND SALLY EVANS CARPENTER: They are the ancestors of North Alabama and East Texas Carpenters. Both are buried in a field cemetery across the highway from Old Brick Presbyterian Church approximately 4 miles north of Leighton, Alabama. Bond was secured by their great, great, great grandson, James Ausie Carpenter, March 10, 1977.

Know all men by these presents that we Enoch Carpenter  
& William Evans are held and firmly bound unto Henry -  
Lee Esq. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the  
Last Term One hundred fifty dollars to be paid to the  
Said Lee Esq. as aforesaid or to his Successors in office  
for the use of the Said Commonwealth which payment  
well and truly to be made we bind our selves our  
heirs &c. firmly by these presents as witness our hands  
& seals the 20 day of October 1796

The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that when  
there is a Marriage Shortly Intended to be held & solemn-  
ized Between Enoch Carpenter Bachelor & Sally Evans  
Spinster each of the County of Amherst parish of Virginia  
if therefore there be no lawfull Cause to obstruct the  
Said Marriage then the above Obligation  
to be Voided else to remain in full force  
& Virtue

Sub  
Reuben Crawford

End <sup>his</sup> + Carpenter Seal  
mark

Wm. Evans Seal

A copy.

Teste Wm. E. Spaulding Clerk,

186 years ago!

Clerk Circuit Court  
Amherst County, Virginia

Recorded in Marriage Register  
No. 1, page 96.  
Amherst County Clerk's Office  
Amherst, Virginia

March 10, 1977

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Terre Haute, Indiana 47802



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DJ. CLARK

March 24, 1972

Mrs. Leo Ahrens  
R.R. 2  
Grinnell, Iowa 50112

Dear Mrs. Ahrens:

Thank you for your letter of March 19 and the enclosed check for \$10.00. The 3 and 1/3 hours allotted by your retainer have been used in the following:

Marriage Records at Vigo County, Ind. Court House:  
(copied all before 1850)

Carpenter, Benjamin m. Mary A. Bailey Oct. 31, 1848 Record C-B 160  
....., Noah m. Louisa McClure Aug. 4, 1840 C-B 15  
....., Rufus m. Mary Carpenter Nov. 29, 1846 C-B 115 (also cross-indexed)

The earliest Painter marriage record was 1862 - Rachel m. .... Rhoades.

There was no early Painter probate record, estate settlement, will, etc.

I found a William Carpenter's estate - letters applied for July 11, 1849; estate settled Jan, 1852... records to be found in Box 13. (This is court house attic, difficult to find, filthy dusty, and several estates are filed in one box, so many papers must be shuffled before finding the one you want... if you feel this might be pertinent, I could do it later... about 4 more hrs)

The first city directory for Terre Haute was not published until 1858, too late.

There are five county histories for this county:

Bradley's HISTORY OF VIGO COUNTY, IND. publ 1891: has a chapter of early marrying. Could this be yours? John Carpenter m. April 1, 1826 Betsey S.S. Pointer (page 352). Also - Eli Carpenter m. Elizabeth Gray (no date); Jacob Carpenter m. Jan. 9, 1827 Fanny Norris; Lemuel Carpenter m. Sept. 3, 1831 Susan Hart; Samuel E. Carpenter m. Apr. 25, 1829 Elizabeth Mattox.

Beckwith's HISTORY OF VIGO & PARKE COUNTIES, IND. publ 1880 lists: "Isaac Pointer, John Blocksom, with his sons William and Jerry, came from Pickaway county, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1817 and stttled near Hull Graveyard in Honey Creek Twp., Vigo Co., Ind." this was on page 480... another reference states that Isaac and his wife Mary had a dau Gertrude who m. 1875 at age 63 the afore-mentioned Jerry Blocksom who was born 1801. I wish I could find a complete list of Isaac's children!

There were no Carpenter or Pa(o)inter tombstone records or cemetery records.

There was nothing helpful in the local Vigo County Public Library files, nor the files of the Vigo County Historical Society, nor in my files. Hope this is not too disappointing for you. If my services are desired further, let me hear from y Isaac Pointer's estate settlement might be interesting, too.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy J. Clark (Mrs. Robert I.)

b. born  
 p.b. place of birth  
 m. marriage  
 d. died  
 p.d. place died.

2 Frank E. Carpenter  
 Father of No. 1  
 b. Missouri  
 p.b. 3 July 1892  
 m. 12 Dec. 1912  
 d. 26 Sept. 1968  
 p.d. Grinnell, Iowa

4 John Wesley Carpenter  
 Father of No. 2.  
 b. 6 Jan. 1861  
 p.b. Iowa  
 m. 17 Sept. 1882 - 1st m.  
 d. 2 Jan. 1939  
 p.d. Missouri

5 Darinda Ann Durbin  
 Mother of No. 2  
 b. 1861  
 p.b.  
 d. 1895  
 p.d. Missouri

8 William Albert Carpenter  
 Father of No. 4  
 b. 25 July 1829  
 p.b. near Terra Haute, Ind.  
 m. 3 Nov. 1859  
 d. 2 Nov. 1919  
 p.d. Iowa

9 Martha Ann Blue  
 Mother of No. 4  
 b. 8 Sept. 1839  
 p.b. Illinois  
 d. 29 Sept. 1888  
 p.d. Missouri

16 John Carpenter  
 Father of No. 8  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 m. April, 1826  
 d.  
 p.d.

17 Fellis Painter  
 Mother of No. 8  
 b.  
 p.b. Indiana  
 d.  
 p.d.

Wm. Carpenter (?)

*Mary Carpenter*

ISAAC POINTER  
 (To wife ca 1817)

MARY —

Children:

1. 2 girls
2. William Albert  
 b. 25 July 1829 } in Ind.
3. John Wesley  
 b. about 1835 }
4. Isaac  
 b. 1846 in Missouri

1 Leona Ahrens  
 b. 28 Apr. 1920  
 p.b. Montezuma, Iowa  
 m. 3 June 1944

DONATED By  
D. J. CLARK

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original certificate on file in this office in accordance with the law of Iowa requiring filing of Vital Records. This record is not valid if this photocopy has been altered or if it does not bear the raised seal of the Department of Health.

Arnold M. Reeve, M.D., M.P.H.  
STATE REGISTRAR

Ken Johnson  
DIRECTOR, RECORDS AND STATISTICS DIVISION

Date APR 28 71

ORIGINAL

## STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS  
STATE OF IOWA

1 PLACE OF DEATH Appanaase State \_\_\_\_\_ Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_  
County mtle or Village \_\_\_\_\_ or  
City \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)  
2 FULL NAME William Carpenter  
(a) Residence. No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

### PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) Widowed  
5a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of \_\_\_\_\_  
6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) July 25-1829  
7 AGE Years Months Days If less than 1 day, hrs. or min.  
90 3 8 \_\_\_\_\_  
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_  
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Ind. (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

10 NAME OF FATHER John Carpenter

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) \_\_\_\_\_ (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ellie Painter

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) Ind. (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

14 Informant John Davis (Address) near home

15 Filed DEC 4 1971 Registrar

### MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Nov 3 19 19

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Oct 8 19 19, to Nov 3 19 19, that I last saw him alive on Oct 8 19 19, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 P m. THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Arteriosclerosis (8)  
great many years (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? at same place

Did an operation precede death? no Date of \_\_\_\_\_

Was there an autopsy? no  
What test confirmed diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) E. Sellers, M. D., 19 (Address) Monmouth

\*State the disease causing death, or in deaths from violent causes, state (1) means and nature of injury, and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL His town Cemetery Nov 5 19 19

20 UNDERTAKER J. Dorand ADDRESS Monmouth

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ans Apr. 3, 1972 and explained the lack of  
info in Box 13 for Wm. Carpenter (just the  
bond signed by Daniel W. Wilson and Zachariah  
Beard for \$500, adm: "de bonis non."  
land records last resort.... March 29, 1972

Dear Mrs. Clark,

Thank you for your letter of March 24. I must say I was a bit disappointed. However, I do know that information of that period is sometimes hard to find.

Enclosed is a check for #12. When you have the time, please check this William Carpenter's estate in Box 13. I hate to ask you to do this as I know this can be a dirty task. Perhaps William was a father of John Carpenter. Won't know until it is checked.

Also am enclosing a copy of the death certificate I have for William Carpenter - John's son. I want you to check the spelling of John's wife. I have had it checked several times and have always been told it is Fellis Painter. I do think the name could be Pointer.

Bradshp's History of Vigo County, Ind. - <sup>check</sup> John Carpenter m. April 1, 1826 Betsey S. S. Pointer (page 352). The date sounds right but the wife's name sure doesn't seem to fit. Many people have one name and yet go by another one. At least, I have found this true in this line.

Whether you find anything in William's estate or not, I may still want you to check Isaac Pointer's estate? Could you give me an idea on how many hours it would take?

If there is anything you feel is worth checking on this family to find information, please tell me.

Sincerely  
Leona Ahrens

R#2

Grinnell, Iowa 50112



I am hoping you can locate a marriage certificate for John Carpenter and Fellis Painter. If they have other names, I do not know, but these names were given on one of their son's death certificate. I feel sure they were married in Terra Haute, Ind.

The 1830 census record of Harrison township, Vigo County, Indiana, states there were 2 girls under 5 years of age. The 1840 census record of same township, same county, Indiana, states there were 2 girls between 10 and 15 years and 2 boys between 5 and 10 years. I have reason to believe one of the girls died in Indiana, but no proof.

The next record I have found of this family was a death certificate for a son which stated he was born 1846 in Missouri. As yet have found no records of the family living there. However, that is a different problem.

I have been told by some members of the family, they believe the first two girls born to John and Fellis were twins. I have no proof. However, if this were true, they could have been married in the fall of 1827.

I am hoping this marriage certificate gives the names of the parents of John and Fellis Carpenter, however, I must say it probably will not. If it does not, then I do not know how to continue on to find John's parents, brothers and sisters.

If I have not made myself clear, write me. Mrs. Clark, if I'm looking

## Bradshy

- Carpenter, Betsey SS (Pointer) (352) Apr 1, 1826 m John  
 —, Caroline (-) (923)  
 —, Eli (769) m. no date  
 —, Eliz (Gray) (769)  
 —, Eliz (Mattox) (354)  
 —, Fanny (Hornis) (353)  
 —, Jacob (353) Jan 9, 1827 m. Fanny Hornis  
 \* —, John (352) (923)  
 —, Samuel (357) Sept 3, 1831 m. Susan Hart  
 —, Mary B (923)  
 —, Saml E (354) Apr 25, 1829 m. Eliz Mattox  
 —, Susan (Hart) (357)  
 —, Wm H H (357) 2nd Lt. 77 Regt 4th Cavalry Civil War

923 — James a Shays m. Sept 5, 1882

Miss Mary B Carpenter,

son of John & Caroline Carpenter,  
 & br. Sull Co, died in 1865.

Beckwith — p. 480

Isaac Pointer, John Blocksome, with his sons  
 (Hick Twp) ... came from Ohio in 1817 & settled near Hullsgravyd.  
 Pickaway Co.

Isaac & Wife Mary had daughter who  
 1875 Jerry  
 as 68 m. Blocksome who was b. 1801

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for the wrong thing first or there is another way to gather this information I want, contact me.

If this isn't enough money to find the marriage certificate, please send me a bill and then I'll have to decide if I can have you do further research. Thank you so much.

Mrs. Leo Ahrens  
R#2

Grinnell, Iowa 50112

*Carpenter Family*

Janet R. Hart  
777 San Antonio Rd, #117  
Palo Alto CA 94303

June 28, 1993

A copy of the marriage of Noah Carpenter and Louisa McClure is enclosed. Unfortunately the marriage supplements, which gave the names of the bride's and groom's parents, weren't kept until 1882.

I am also sending a research report listing the sources I checked for your ancestors. As you can see, I didn't find any references to them in Vigo county, except for the marriage. In 1850 a Noah and a Louisa Carpenter were in Floyd county. The listing is a little odd. Noah Carpenter is listed in one household and Louisa is listed in the next one with some of the children from the previous household. Perhaps there was a mistake in copying the census or perhaps Noah was working for a neighbor and Louisa was watching the children.

The 1840 Indiana census index lists six Carpenter families and two McClure families in Vigo county. It's likely that Noah and Louisa belonged to two of those families.

Nancy Sherrill  
Genealogy Librarian

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for the surnames of:

Carpenter; Noah & Louisa (McClure)  
in response to your request of 6-21-93.

- ① Miscellaneous Card File:  
Did not find Noah Found Other Carpenters
- ② Surname File:  
Did not find McClure Found Carpenter Family file but no info on Noah Carpenter
- ③ Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)  
Did not find Noah, Louisa Found Other Carpenters & McClures

- ④ Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found see enclosed copy

5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found \_\_\_\_\_

- ⑥ W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:  
Did not find Noah, Louisa Found Other Carpenters

- ⑦ Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:  
Did not find ✓ Found \_\_\_\_\_

- ⑧ Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):  
Did not find Noah, Louisa Found Other Carpenters

- ⑨ Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:  
Did not find Noah, Louisa Found Other Carpenters

- ⑩ Census Index for the year 1850, 1840 :  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found Only Noah Carpenter in 1850 was in  
(over) Floyd Co. p 427. Louisa Carpenter  
also in Floyd Co p 427

Other: (also check other side)

1840 Carpenters in Vigo Co.  
J. E. - Vigo p 787 Martin - Vigo p 86  
Jno - " p 731 N. " p 733  
L. " p 723 Nath " p 751

#10 1840 McClures in Vigo County

Jno - Vigo p 807

Z. " p 813

City of New Albany, Floyd County, Ind p 427

10 Aug 1850

#543/645 James L. Coons - 40 - Butcher - Kentucky  
Maria " 62 Virginia

Notben (?) N. Ancell - 30 - Stonecutter - Virginia

Noah Carpenter 30 Laborer Unknown

Matilda Ancell 40 Virginia

#544/646 Louisa Carpenter 25 Unknown

Maranda " 8 Indiana

Clara " 5 "

Theodore " 2 "

Mildred Ancell 10 Kentucky

William H. " 7 "

Maria E. " 5 "

*Sent 15¢*

June 21, 1993

Genealogical Dept.  
Vigo County Public Library  
One Library Square  
Terre Haute, IN 47807

*B.R. B.P. 15*

To Whom It May Concern:

I would appreciate a copy of the marriage license/certificate for Noah Carpenter and Louisa McClure, dated August 4, 1840(1). Please send to the undersigned.

I have enclosed 15 cents along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Janet R. Hart*

Janet R. Hart  
777 San Antonio Road, #117  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

*P.S. If you understand the Vigo Deputy Clerk's note, I'd be interested in whatever you may have. (see attached letter).*

*Patricia R. Mansard*

VIGO COUNTY CLERK

SUPERIOR COURT DIV. 1  
SUPERIOR COURT DIV. 2  
CIRCUIT COURT AND  
SUPERIOR COURT DIV. 3  
PROBATE DIVISION  
JUVENILE DIVISION  
COUNTY COURT DIV. 4  
COUNTY COURT DIV. 5



COURT HOUSE -- ROOM 22  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA 47807  
812-230-7211  
812-462-3211

Due to the condition of our old marriage and probate records we can no longer supply you with the information that you requested. In order to not disappoint you the information that you are requesting is located at the Vigo County Public Library. All records dating 1818 to 1920 have been recorded on microfilm. The charge is, 15¢ per copy of the record, also send a SASE with the information that you are needing. The address is, Vigo County Public Library

1 Library Sq      Attn: Genealogical Dept  
Terre Haute, IN 47807

812-232-1713

Sincerely,

*L. Jeffries*  
Deputy Clerk

*you might also see  
if Supplement were  
taken during that  
period of time*

*L. Jeffries*

*Carpenter Family*

Janet R. Hart  
777 San Antonio Rd. #117  
Palo Alto CA 94303

July 29, 1993

I did not find a marriage for Zachariah McClure in Vigo county. The Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis IN 46204, has compiled a statewide index to marriages prior to 1850, so they might be able to locate the marriage for you.

Zachariah is not listed on the 1850 Indiana census index. According to our Vigo county cemetery books, he died in 1843.

Our copy of the 1840 census is readable, and Zachariah was listed in Lost Creek township. That township is on the east side of the county, and Prairie Creek is in the southwest corner, so the two are not really very close to each other.

I am enclosing research reports on Zachariah McClure and Nathan Carpenter. As you can see, I did not find much information on Nathan. However, I included more detail on the other Carpenters I did find so you can tell whether they belonged to your family. Carpenter is such a common name that there were probably several different families here. If you would like copies of the items on the research report, our charge is 10¢ per page (15¢ for census and probate prints), plus postage.

The LDS Church has microfilmed many Vigo county courthouse records (including deeds, wills, probates, and marriages) and will loan them through LDS Family History Centers. A search of the deed records might give you some clues about the Carpenters and McClures.

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Nancy Sherrill  
Genealogy Librarian



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for the surnames of: Carpenter; Nathan or Nathaniel  
in response to your request of 7-21-93.

- ① Miscellaneous Card File:  
Did not find Nath Found Other Carpenters: Mts Ann d 1909 at age 84; Benjamin in Rev War; Edward in WWI; FA in WWI; Dr. George; James in Rev War; buried in Owen Co.; Robert L. in WWI; T.A. in WWI (over)
- ② Surname File:  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found Carpenter Family File - Newspaper article on John Carpenter family of Owen Co. - 1p; 1972 letter re John & Fellis (Painter) Carpenter - 3pp; typed paper on Carpenter (over)
- ③ Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)  
Did not find Nath Found Other Carpenter: Alida A. - Beckwith p 206; Betsey S. (Porter) - Bradsky p 352; Caroline - Bradsky p 823; Catherine - Cronin p 449; Davis - Martle vol 2 p 46; Eli - Bradsky p 769 (over)
- ④ Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:  
Did not find Nath Found Other Carpenters - Benjamin & Mary Ann Bailey 31 Oct 1848; Charles W. & Sarah E. Pinston - 5 May 1850; Jacob & Fanny Morris - 10 Jan 1827; John & Betsey S. Pointer 2 April 1826 (over)
- ⑤ W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:  
Did not find Nath Found Many Carpenters vol 2 pp 20 - 22
- ⑥ W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:  
Did not find Nath Found Many Carpenters vol 1 p 126 - Alexander, Alma F., Ann, Bertha, Carrol L., Daisy E., E., Elizabeth, Harvey, Jaral L., J.N., John H., John Wesley, Katherine, Laura (over)
- ⑦ Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:  
Did not find ✓ Found \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑧ Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):  
Did not find Nath Found Other Carpenters - vol 1 p 37 - Emanuel vol 3 p 37 - Cyrus, Edward O., & Lenora A.; p 85 - Alcy B., Lazara, Lillie, Lucinda; p 147 - C., Edna, Orren (over)
- ⑨ Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:  
Did not find Nathan Found vol 1 p 36 - Carpenter: David, Elizabeth, Emma R., Mrs. Harvey; vol 2 p 27 - Carpenter: Audrey, Daisy E., Elizabeth, James Henry, John James, Mary Jane, Sylvester, William M.,
- ⑩ Census Index for the year 1850:  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found Only Nathan Carpenter was in Porter Co p 123 (over)

- #1. Carpenter, Walter in WW I  
 " William d. 5 April 1970  
 " " d. 16 May 1965  
 " William E. - d. 1937 age 80
- #2 family of Lancaster PA - descended from Heinrich Zimmerman  
 (Carpenter) b. Switzerland in 1673, - 4 pp  
 Jan-March 1981 issue of Carpenter + Related Family Historical  
 Journal
- #3. Carpenter; Elizabeth (Gray) - Bradsby p 769  
 " " (Lane) - Beckwith p 206  
 " " (Mattox) - Bradsby p 359  
 " Fanny (Norris) - Bradsby p 353; Markle vol 1 p 107  
 " George - Markle vol 1 p 59  
 " George C. (Dr) - Cronin p 226  
 " Harvey - Beckwith p 206  
 " Jacob - Bradsby p 353; Markle vol 1 p 59  
 " John - Bradsby p 352, 353; Markle vol 1 p 59  
 " Lemuel - Bradsby p 357  
 " Lilly - Lucas p 229  
 " Lilly A. - Oakley p 580  
 " Mary B. - Bradsby p 923  
 " Samuel E. - Bradsby p 354  
 " Simeon - Atlas p 46  
 " Susan (Hart) - Bradsby p 357  
 " W.H.H. - Oakley p 303, 580  
 " William H.H. - Bradsby p 557; Cronin p 98
- #4 Carpenter, Lemuel + Susan Hart - 4 Sept 1831  
 " Rufus + Mary Carpenter - 29 Nov 1846  
 " Samuel E. + Elizabeth Mattox - 26 April 1829
- #6. Carpenter; Lucille, Lucinda, Margaret C., Mary E., Nancy J.,  
 Pearl, Robert, Sylvester, Syrus D., Walter
- #8. vol 4 p 3 John J.; p 25 - John - Civil War; p 49 Harvey + Flossie
- #10 Pleasant Twp., Porter Co. Ind 7 Sept 1850 p 123
- |                  |                      |         |
|------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Nathan Carpenter | - 36 - Farmer - Ohio |         |
| Rose Ha          | - 37                 | Vermont |
| Belinda          | - 14                 | Indiana |
| Catherine        | - 12                 | "       |
| Hannah           | - 10                 | "       |
| Horace           | - 7                  | "       |
|                  | - 6                  | "       |

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The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched  
for the surnames of: McClure; Zachariah

in response to your request of 1-21-93.

- ① Miscellaneous Card File:  
Did not find Zach Found Other McClures: Albert in WWI; Daniel in Rev. War, died in Knox Co.; Hosea in WWI; John in Rev War, died in Knox Co.; William A. d. 1925 age 83; William in Rev War, d. Knox Co.
- ② Surname File:  
Did not find / Found \_\_\_\_\_
- ③ Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found McClure; Zachariah - Markle vol 1 p 61 - Other McClures - Archibald - Markle vol 1 p 57; G - Bradsby p 268; Green - Bradsby p 268; John - Clark p 241 (over)
- ④ Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:  
Did not find Zachariah Found McClure, Archibald & Levania Shull 23 Nov 1845; McClure, Greenberry & Ann Augiers - 10 July 1842 McClure, Rhoda & Jesse Whitaker 11 Jan 1844 (Also Louise & Noah)
- ⑤ W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:  
Did not find Zach Found Many McClures - vol 5 p 237 + 238 -
- ⑥ W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found vol 2 p 217 Several McClures: Agnes, Alda, Alfred A., Ann, Clarence, Ed G., Esie G., Frances, Geo L., Greenberry, John W., John, Lizzie, Martha Lucile, Mary, Richard, William D
- ⑦ Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found McClure, Zachariah d. 16 May 1843 age 44y 7m - Taylor Cem.; McClure, Sarah b. 24 Feb 1813 d. 30 March 1873 - Woodlawn Cem; McClure, Randall C. d. 10 April 1868 age 63y
- ⑧ Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found vol 3 p 32 McClure, Elizabeth dau of Z. & R. d. 18 Sept. 1847 age 12y 7m 17d & McClure, Zachariah d. 16 May 1843 age 44y 7m - Taylor Cem. Pierson Twp.
- ⑨ Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found vol 1 p 141 + 142 - McClure - Ann, Belle, Charles, infant of Wora, Ethel, Greenberry Fr, Mary, Orodle, Randall, Samuel & 2 infants, Sarah (over)
10. Census Index for the year \_\_\_\_\_:  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found \_\_\_\_\_

⑩ Other: (also check other side) Complete Probate Order Book #9 - Zachariah McClure estate p 125-129 Heirs not named but administratrix was Rhoda McClure, probably widow, & these Whitaker.

#3. McClure: Mollie - Atlas p21

" Polly - Bradsby p 268

" R.C. - Bradsby p438

" W.A. - Atlas p89

" William - Bradsby p268; Cronin p89

" William A. - Bradsby p271

#9 vol 2 p 126 - McClure - Ed + William Wright

July 21, 1993

Vigo County Public Library  
One Library Square  
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Attn: Nancy Sherrill

Dear Nancy:

*No marriage for back in McClure in Johns*  
① Thank you very much for your recent letter and the Library Res. Rpt. (a copy of which I have enclosed). Would you please look for a marriage of Zachariah McClure to (unknown) ca 1818-1820. I am pretty sure this is Louisa McClure's parents. Also, I would like to know if Zachariah shows up in the 1850 census. I knew that Louisa and Noah were in New Albany and they later went to Eagleville, Mo. and that is where they are buried. But I am trying to find as much as possible on the parents. Since Louisa is supposed to be born in Indiana and the oldest child of Zachariah is a daughter that her age fits into it seems a good possibility that it is a match. Can you tell me what the township is for Zachariah McClure in the 1840 census (Vigo) page 813. I have a copy of it but I cannot read it. Is it near Prarie Creek Twshp? Louisa's father was born in Virginia and her mother in Georgia.

- Lost Creek  
It is on  
east side of  
Co. + P. Cr. is on  
SW side*  
② 1850 Nathan Carpenter Porter Co is 123  
④ I would also be interested in anything you have on Nath. Carpenter in 1850 and/or the other Carpenters info cited in #2, 3, 6, 8, & 9 of the Library Res. Rpt. Nath is listed in the 1840 census for Prarie Creek.

I found a David McClure (30) and wife Elizabeth (26) in Prarie Creek, Vigo Co in 1870 Census also James Carpenter (54) wife Syntha (57) in Prarie Creek. Thought it was interesting to find both a McClure and Carpenter in one place. Was unable to view 1850 and 1860 censuses for these or other McClure's and Carpenters.

Any advice you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Janet R. Hart*

Janet R. Hart  
777 San Antonio Rd., #117  
Palo Alto, CA 94303



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for the surnames of:

Carpenter, Noah & Louisa (McClure)  
in response to your request of 6-21-93.

- ① Miscellaneous Card File:  
Did not find Noah Found Other Carpenters
- ② Surname File:  
Did not find McClure Found Carpenter Family file but no info on Noah Carpenter
- ③ Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms  
(in the county histories)  
Did not find Noah, Louisa Found Other Carpenters & McClures
- ④ Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found See enclosed copy
5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑥ W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:  
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- ⑦ Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to  
1830 That Lived to Maturity:  
Did not find ✓ Found \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑧ Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):  
Did not find Noah, Louisa Found Other Carpenters
- ⑨ Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of  
Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:  
Did not find Noah, Louisa Found Other Carpenters
- ⑩ Census Index for the year 1850, 1840 :  
Did not find \_\_\_\_\_ Found Only, Noah Carpenter in 1850 was in  
Floyd Co. p 427. Louisa Carpenter  
also in Floyd Co p 427  
1840 Carpenters in Vigo Co.  
J. E. - Vigo p 787 Martin - Vigo p 8  
Jno - " p 731 N. " p 735  
(over)

Other: (also check other side)

#10 1840 McClures in Vigo County

Jno - Vigo p 807

2. " p 813

City of New Albany, Floyd County, Ind p 427

10 Aug 1850

#543/645 James L. Coons - 40 - Butcher - Kentucky

Maria " 62 Virginia

Norben (3) N. Ancell - 30 - Stonecutter - Virginia

Noah Carpenter 30 Laborer Unknown

Matilda Ancell 40 Virginia

#544/646 Louisa Carpenter 25

Maranda " 8 Unknown

Clananda " 5 Indiana

Theodore " 2 "

Mildred Ancell 10 Kentucky

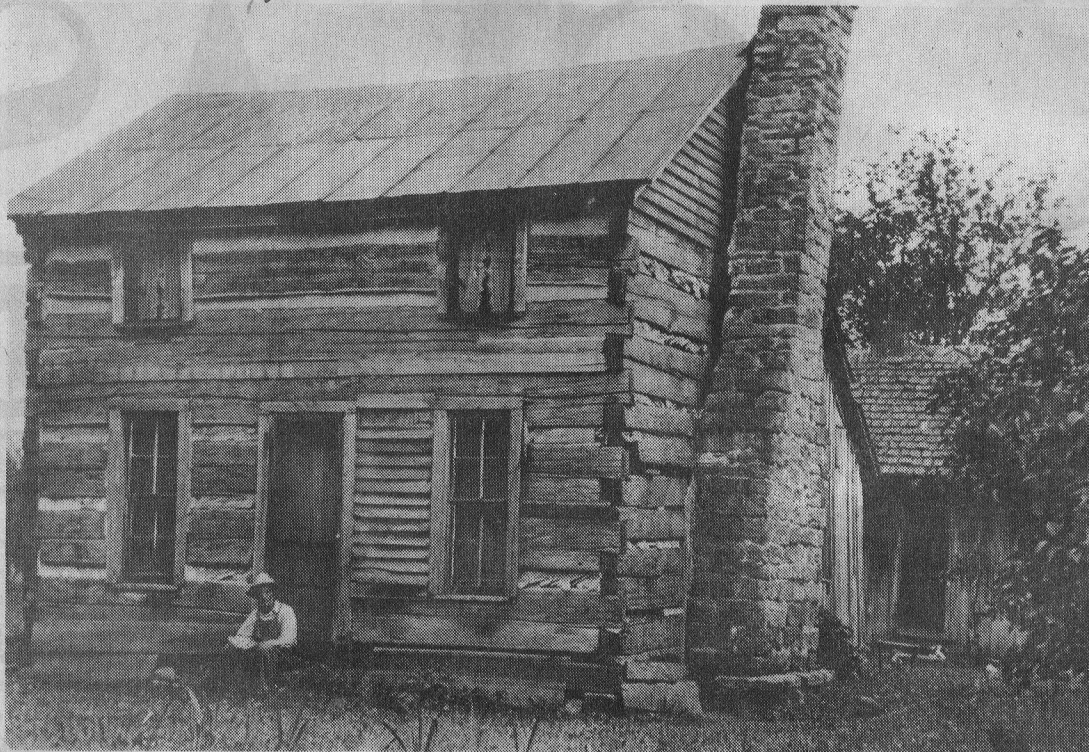
William H. " 7 "

Maria E. " 5 "

# OWEN COUNTY ANCESTORS

Carpenter Family

8/30/91 Spencer Evening World



## Carpenter's cabin.....

While searching for ancestors' names and dates in her Carpenter line, Debbie Drescher uncovered this picture of her ancestor, John Carpenter, and his house. She obtained a clipping from the October 11, 1962 *Evening World*, titled "Remembers Early Days of Adel" by Rachel Franklin, which showed another view of the house and related some of the history of Adel. The clipping was from the front page and while at the *World* office searching for the rest of the article, she came across this photograph. The *Evening World* staff graciously gave her the picture.

The newspaper article stated that the house, the former home of John Carpenter at Adel (Dogwalk), Clay township, Owen County, built in the early sixties...had been moved to the camping area in McCormick's Creek State Park. Phone calls and visits to the park turned up more information, but more questions.

Sandy Swain, naturalist, found a file which stated, "In 1810 Abel Carpenter built a log home. That home was moved from the David Carpenter farm, Clay township, Owen County, 2 years prior to 1932. It was said to have been over 100 years old at the time." Page 361 of *Indiana A Guide to the Hoosier State* copyright 1941, compiled by workers of the Writers' Program of the WPA, states the same facts: "A Pioneer Log Cabin, built by Abel Carpenter at Adel, Owen County, in 1810, has been restored near the barrack-like group camps."

Community Affairs File

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

The park employees believe the cabin built of old logs at Camp Na Wa Kwa may be the Carpenter house, but if so, is only a part of it. They also believe a stone step with a date 1810 carved in it which is outside a cabin at Camp McCormick is the step to the Carpenter cabin.

Were there two Carpenter cabins moved from Adel to the park? Mabel Matkins, a Carpenter descendant, stated that she remembers attending a meeting at the park when the park was new and of reading a typewritten paper on the wall inside a cabin at Camp Friendly telling the story of her grandfather, Peter Carpenter, and others who built the cabin. She doesn't remember all the dates and names, of course, after such a long time; but was aware that it was her ancestors and that it told who hewed the logs for the cabin which once sat in Adel, Indiana.

Does anyone remember the house being moved to the park? Does anyone know if there were two houses or if the stories of the origin of the house are confused? Does anyone know where the house was reconstructed? Is it there now? The most exciting element in this "mystery of the Carpenter house" is that astounding date! 1810! The genealogy of John Carpenter, as far as Debbie Drescher knows now, indicates his parents were Joseph Carpenter (b. 1800 KY - d. before 1850 Adel, IN) and Nancy Carpenter (b. 1804 KY - d. 1882 Adel, IN) who married 26 Aug. 1823 in Green County, KY and had: Peter (b. 1825-30 KY); John (b. 26 Feb. 1833 near

Pottersville, IN - d. 24 Nov. 1924); Elizabeth (b. ca. 1838 IN); and Melvina (b. ca. 1847 IN). John Carpenter, son of Joseph and Nancy, married 23 Apr. 1857 Mel-lissa "Elvira" Thacker (b. 9 Nov. 1839 Grainer, TN? - d. 22 Aug. 1900 Clay Twp., Owen Co., IN) and had: Isaac Willard Carpenter (b. 1 Jun. 1858 - d. 1938) who married Martha Jane Wilson; Samuel F. Carpenter (b. 1860 - d. 2 Dec. 1899) who married 1886 Rosa V. McBride; Wilson Carpenter (b. 1864 - d. 18 Mar. 1887); Calvin Lafayette Carpenter (b. 1866 - d. 1950) who married 20 May 1888 Eliza Ellen Camden; Noah E. Carpenter (b. 30 Aug. 1870 - d. 2 Mar. 1914) who married Kate McBride; Elizabeth Carpenter (b. 9 Aug. 1873 - d. 10 Sep. 1964) who married 5 Sep. 1895 Eli Miller; Tilden Carpenter; and Bertha Carpenter.

Revolutionary War Pension File #S35812 is for John Carpenter, Continental Line. Applied 28 Apr. 1818 Green County, Kentucky, aged 56. In 1821 he had a wife aged 55; in 1827 he had moved to Monroe County, IN to be with his children (not named). Is this John the father of Joseph? John is supposedly buried at Hicks Cemetery near Freedom, Indiana. He was born 1752 or 1755 VA, died 1843.

If anyone knows more about the families, spouses, descendants of Elizabeth and Melvina Carpenter, daughters of Joseph and Nancy, Debbie would like to hear from

you. Were there other children? Does anyone know who were the parents of Nancy? Was the house built in 1810 and attributed to Abel Carpenter the same house pictured in the 1962 *Evening World*? Please write to Debbie Drescher, Rt. 1, Box 462, Spencer, IN 47460. As the search progresses Owen County Ancestors will update this fascinating story.

Stories and queries may be sent with your name and address to Vivian Zollinger, R. 2, Box 49, Gosport, IN 47433.

# Carpenter Family

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A CARPENTER FAMILY OF LANCASTER - by A.Y.Cassanova, Philipsburg, Pa.

Years ago, in the 17th century, there lived in the village of Wattenwil, Canton of Berne, Switzerland, a family bearing the patronymic Zimmerman. This family of the Bernese Oberland was an old one in the district watered by the river Guerbe, and Dr. Seymour Carpenter, of Illinois, after making an exhaustive research, has ascertained that the forest in the district is called Zimmerwald, and was known in former times variously as Cimwewalt, Cimperwalt, Cymberwalt or Zymerwalt, whence he concluded that a Zimmerman was a man of the Cimbri. Cimbri were an ancient people of Central Europe who pushed their way into the Roman provinces in the 2nd century of the Christian era, and, joining the Teutons and Gauls, defeated the Roman armies in southern Gaul, but their armies were virtually exterminated by Marius on the Raudian fields in northern Italy.

We read that one Heinrich Zimmerman, of Wattenwil, married Anna Morgert, and the worthy couple were the parents of an enterprising family of nine children, of which the eldest son, named Heinrich, was born Sept. 7, 1673, in the said village. This son Heinrich only will occupy our attention, for he became the American pioneer ancestor of the Lancaster family of Zimmermans that later bore the name of CARPENTER.

As a youth, Heinrich, the younger, seems to have chafed at being confined within the limits of his commune in Switzerland, and, after a not overpeaceful course of study in the village school, he obtained the parental consent and enlisted as a soldier in the armies of Louis XIV of France, in whose armies he appears to have served for some time.

Heinrich is described at that time as being a splendid specimen of hardy and daring manhood, an expert with the sword and pike, and fond of adventure. He fretted under discipline, and being dark-featured, black-haired, and black eyed was called "the black Henry". After his term of military service had expired, he returned to his home, studied medicine, and during this stay won the affections of his future wife, Salome Ruffner, or Rufener, born Dec. 28, 1675, in the neighboring village of Blumenstein, who was the widowed daughter of the Marquise de Fontenoy. His financial resources did not permit him to marry then; the New World offered at the time great opportunities to thrifty young men in the Province of Pennsylvania, the advantages of which colony had been well advertised by William Penn throughout the districts of the Upper Rhine, and the glowing reports having reached Heinrich, he became restive to sail for America to better his fortunes. In pursuance of this desire, he traveled to London, via Rotterdam, and visited Penn's London offices to obtain detailed information about Pennsylvania and to ascertain what inducements were offered to prospective settlers. Later passage was taken in a vessel, and he arrived in Germantown, in the new colony, in the year 1698, where he was welcomed by the Swiss residents who had preceded him. Exploring trips were undertaken by our young pioneer in order to acquire a better knowledge of the new country, and about the year 1700 he returned to his native land, full of enthusiasm to bring his relatives and some of his neighbors to Pennsylvania.

The proverbial conservatism of the Swiss tried to chill Heinrich's emigration scheme, but did not cool his love for Salome, and he married her in the year 1701. His neighbors, however, looked with favor on his plans, but before taking any decisive steps resolved to send an agent to America to verify the traveller's alluring narratives. This delay annoyed Heinrich, and his restless spirit drove him to become identified with an armed rebellion which took place against the established gov't. The attempt, though unsuccessful, earned for him the title of the "Swiss Patriot" given him by the early historians of the Province.



The untoward result of this struggle for freedom compelled Heinrich to seek safety in flight. The family tradition, on the other hand, is that being a communicant of the German Reformed Religion, he was desirous of escaping the religious persecutions then prevalent in his country, and that he did not deem it consistent with true religion to persecute persons who professed a different faith from his own. Friends essayed to force him to renounce the doctrines of the Reformation and wanted to retain him in Switzerland. In order to hold him at home, they planned to kidnap his wife, thinking that he would not leave without her. Salome, however, was bent on going with her husband, and when Heinrich heard of the plot, he secretly obtained a small boat which he tied to a spot on one of the shores of the Lake of the Four Cantons, or Luzerne, to await a favorable opportunity to escape.

Heinrich and his family left their home one day for the Lake. He had armed himself, and this precaution was not taken in vain, for they were attacked on the road by Hussars who tried to prevent their departure. Dr. Seymour Carpenter, in his version of the incident, informs us that the Hussars were mounted and armed with sabres and spears. As the latter drew near, Heinrich ordered them to halt, and not being heeded, attacked them with stones. The horses became restive, the Hussars were compelled to dismount, and Heinrich taking advantage of this delay in the hostilities ran to the boat. He was fleet of foot, but before reaching the boat, one of the Hussars who had pursued him, seized Heinrich's coat tail, and an unhappy ending to the adventure might have resulted had not Salome, who was in the boat, seized an oar and by a well-directed blow, felled the Hussar. Heinrich sprang aboard, pushed off, and in this dramatic manner escaped from the land of his birth.

More hospitable shores then received him. Tradition further informs us that Heinrich also practised the trade of carpentry, and on his way to America, he sojourned in England, where he was presented with a large auger and other tools by Queen Anne, for use in the new country.

Heinrich and family arrived in Germantown about 1706. A house was purchased. He practised the medical profession, acquired money, bought lands and gradually improved them. He was allowed to take possession of several acres of land, provided he went 60 miles west of Philadelphia. In 1710, he purchased 200 acres of land in the present limits of Lancaster County, and in 1712, 572 more acres were registered in his name. In the year 1717, when he was already the owner of about 3,000 acres of fine land, on which this pioneer had erected a two-storied dwelling house, with an out-kitchen, the family moved to the new location in this county, but the children continued attending school in Germantown.

It should be noted here that William Penn, on issuing patents for lands, arbitrarily changed foreign names to English equivalents, often translating the patronymics, metamorphosing the early primitive names, and we find Zimmerman anglicized by translation to Carpenter in the deeds, and naturalization papers of the American pioneers of this family. Dr. Henry, son of the pioneer, however, had his name changed as above noted by a special act of the Pennsylvania Assembly. A correct orthography of a given family name is not always maintained in the records, but this family is one of the few whose patronymic has come down to us unchanged after assuming the name of Carpenter.

Heinrich Zimmerman died about the year 1749, and his wife had preceded him to the majority in the year 1742. They had the following children: Emanuel, born 1702; died 1780; Gabriel, born 1704, died 1767; Christian, born 1707; Salome, born 1709, died 1736; Henry, born, 1714, died 1773; Daniel, born 1716, died 1764; Jacob, born 1719, died 1772; and Mary, born 1722, died 1750. The first two children were born in Europe, and the remainder in Pennsylvania. These children and their descendants united with some of the leading families of Lancaster Co., but the limits of this article only permits us to lightly sketch the children of Heinrich, making only short references to some of his later

descendants, some of whom became prominent in the history of their county and state. The pioneer's descendants are very numerous at present and may be found in every State of the Union, but, distant though they may reside from the Keystone State, many of them travel back at vacation time or home-week celebrations to visit the early home of their forefather.

Emanuel Carpenter, of Earl Twp., born 1702, the eldest son of the pioneer Heinrich, married Catherine Line (1701-1785) a Swabian girl, and they resided in a log cabin located where Carpenter's Run empties into the Conestoga. He became in time the most prominent member of the Carpenter family in those early days, and was nicknamed "Manny", for Emanuel the Lawgiver. The records show his naturalization in 1729, and that shortly thereafter he was appointed Constable and Assessor of Cocalico Twp. He appears to be the sole referee in the controversial questions which arose among the German and Swiss residents of the locality, and such was the unbounded confidence reposed in his judgement by his neighbors, that this decision upon a given controversy was always accepted and never appealed from. His services as a Justice of the Peace began in 1735; in 1747 he was appointed Overseer of the Poor, and held the position for many years, and in 1756 was elected a member of the Provincial Assembly holding office about 16 years. The Crown appointed him Presiding Judge of the Common Pleas in 1759, and he continued as Judge until his death in 1780, having been reappointed to the office by the Supreme Executive Council of the State when the Crown officers were superseded.

On his trips to the city to hold court, he was wont to ride upon his old horse "Baldface", and was ever accompanied by his dog "Penny". The three were very familiar figures on the road in those days and his passing by was the signal to the residents that a session of court was to be held.

Emanuel Carpenter was a great friend of Benjamin Franklin, and they mutually assisted each other in colonial and Revolutionary matters. When the spirit of the Revolution began to agitate the colonists, he became devoted to the cause of liberty and independence. In 1775, he became one of the Associators and a member of the Committee of Safety, and he exerted all his influence, and that of his large connection of relatives and friends for freedom. The record of their services shows the success of his efforts as a zealous co-laborer with the Continental Congress. At his death in 1780, his funeral was the largest which had been held in the county. He is buried in Carpenter's Cemetery, near Earlville, and a monument was there erected years afterward to his memory by his grandson Emanuel Carpenter Reigart.

The will of Emanuel Carpenter was probated in Lancaster Co., on May 8, 1780. The document shows that he was the owner of about 500 acres of land, which he subdivided into 2 farms and devised the same to his two sons Jacob and Emanuel, Jr., after making suitable provision for his wife, daughters and grandchildren. Catherine Line Carpenter, his widow, died in the year 1785; her will was proved the same year in said county, and is written in German. The children of Emanuel and Catherine Carpenter were: 1 Elizabeth, 2 Catherine, 3 Barbara, 4 Jacob, and 5 Emanuel.

1 Elizabeth Carpenter, of Lancaster, born 1733, married Dr. George Michael Graff, in 1761, who was a member of a prominent Moravian family. The Landaster Moravian church records show that Elizabeth Graff died Mar.30,1805, and that her husband was born 1733, died 1768. Their wills are recorded in the county and show that they had two children, George and Eva Graff. George (or Graef) was Captain of the 4th Co. 1st Btn., of the "Flying Camp" in the Revolutionary War in 1776.

2 Catherine Carpenter, of Lancaster, born 1736, married first Frederick Yiser, second Adam Reigart. Mr. Reigart was the patriotic proprietor of the "Grape Hotel" and the "Black Bear" of Lancaster City. He was ever and active partisan of the Independence of the Colonies and became Lt. Col. of the 1st Btn. of the Lancaster Co. Militia, and later was a member of the Legislature. The son, Emanuel, Jr. was also in the Legislature.

3 Barbara Cappenter of Leacock Twp., born 1738, married Jacob Ferree a son of Philip Ferree and Leah Dubois. The Ferree and Dubois families were of French extraction and very prominent in the pioneer annals of Pennsylvania and New York; their interesting history has been told in detail by Prof. Baird in his "Huguenots in America", and by Dr. Stapleton of York, in his "Memorials of the Huguenots". Barbara's children were Emanuel Ferree, Susannah, wife of James Boyd, and Elizabeth, wife of John Gibboney. Jacob Ferree died intestate about year 1783, and his first wife died several years before him. He seems to have married a second time, but the second wife, Mary, had no children. John and Elizabeth Gibboney were the ancestors of the Gibboneys of Bedford, Blair and Mifflin counties, and of the Hoops of Centre county, One of their descendants, Dr. G.F.Hoop, was surgeon of the 84th Penna. Vol. Inf. in the Civil War, one of the incorporators of the thriving borough of Philipsburg, Penna., and was the gr. grandfather of A.Y.Casanova, Jr., son of the writer of this article.

4 Jacob Carpenter, of Earl Twp., born 1741, married first Maria Forney, and second, Anna Maria Youndt, the widow of his cousin Jacob, son of Gabriel Carpenter. The first named Jacob was a member of the Provincial Assembly, and a soldier in the Rev. Army. His will was recorded in 1797 and recites that his children were Jacob, Emanuel, Catherine, wife of Michael Von Kennear, or Van Kennen, and Susannah, wife of Peter Ellmaker. Jacob Carpenter's will also mentions Nancy, wife of George Eichelberger, ~~Gargel~~ and Jacob Carpenter as his step children.

5 Emanuel Cappenter, Jr., born 1744, married Mary Smith. He was a member of Capt. Rowland's Co. of the 10th Btn., Lancaster Co. Militia in 1775, later Capt. of the 7th Co. of the same, a member of the Assembly, and subsequently, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas until 1798, when he emigrated to Ohio, where he became prominent as a Judge and wealthy landowner. He died 1822 and his wife in 1823. Their children were: Samuel, married to Catherine Weidler; Elizabeth, married first John Carpenter, second Henry Shellenberger; Susannah, wife of David Carpenter; Nancy, wife of William Carpenter; Mary, wife of Christian Carpenter; Sarah, who married first David Shellenberger, second, Isaac Koontz; Emanuel, married first Mary Shellenberger, second, Mary Salome Hess; Rev. John Carpenter; and Sebastian Carpenter, husband of Polly Grundy. Susannah, Nancy, Mary, and Elizabeth married 2nd cousins, grandsons of Gabriel. The Shellenbergers were brothers and sisters. Several branches of this family are identified with Fairfield Co., Ohio.

Gabriel Carpenter, of Earl Twp., born 1704, second son of the pioneer Heinrich, was a large landowner, the owner of a mill and a surveyor. Gabriel was not as prominent in county affairs as his elder brother Emanuel, but he exerted some influence. He took no part in the Revolution, having died prior to the outbreak of that historic struggle, but the records show that he furnished supplies to the Province for Braddock's march to Fort Duquesne in the French and Indian War. The second house built by Gabriel located at the forks of the Graff and Carpenter Runs, still stands after having weathered the storms of nearly 180 years; some additions have been made, which are easily discernible but it is still in possession of one of his descendants. His wife was Apollonia Herrman, an excellent woman. Gabriel's will was probated April 8, 1767; after making suitable provision therein for his wife and daughters, he devised 200 acres in Berks Co. to his three sons Christian, John and Jacob and further devised to Jacob his plantation of 115 acres, with dwelling houses, in Earl Twp. Apollonia died in 1792, intestate. Gabriel's children were: 1 Salome, 2 Christian, 3 Daniel (who died prior to his parents), 4 Mary, 5 John, 6 Sarah, 7 Catherine, 8 Elizabeth, 9 Jacob.

1 Salome m. George Line. 2 Christian m. Susan Herr. 3 Daniel m. Mary Herr, daughters of Emanuel Herr and granddaughters of Rev. Hans Herr, venerable pastor of the Mennonites, 4 Mary Carpenter m. John Smith. 5 John m. Elizabeth Scherer; three of his sons John, David, and William m. Elizabeth, Susanna, and Anna, daughters of Emanuel Carpenter, Jr. as detailed above; Mary the older dau. m. Jacob Merkel and the son Judge Samuel was unm. and became prominent in Ohio. 6 Sarah m. John Graybill. 7 Catherine Carpenter m. Peter Eckert and had 9 children. The Eckert descendants are numerous and include the Brubakers, Jones and Graybill families. 8 Elizabeth Carpenter m. George Eckert but had no issue. The said Peter and George Eckert were in the Rev. Army, and their father, Philip, was identified, as were his descendants with the Zeltenreich Church at New Holland. 9 Jacob Carpenter was also in the Rev. Army; he m. Anna Maria Youndt and their children were: George, Gabriel, Jacob, Elizabeth (wife of Jacob Weidman), Nancy (wife of George Eichelberger), and Mary or Polly m. Jacob Carpenter, son of Jacob, and grandson of Emanuel Carpenter 1st. Anna Maria Youndt Carpenter m. 2nd Jacob Carpenter, son of Emanuel Carpenter 1st.

There are no less than 16 shields of the Zimmermans in the Berne Library. The shield selected for the descendants of the pioneer Heinrich shows "a star or gules, with a yeoman gules, holding a fleur de lis argent as crest." The insignia of the guild of Carpenters, in the town of Berne, consists of 3 broad axes, argent and or on sable, with date 1448. Several of these shields bear a star, indicating a military campaign; others bear a fleur de lis, indicating service under the French flag, and still others bear a crescent, indicating that the owner fought in war against the Turks.

Christian Carpenter, born 1707, 3rd son of Heinrich, is one of the children about whom there is any lucid info. He may have died unm. or removed from the county.

Salome Carpenter of Germantown, born 1709, was the eldest dau. and 4th child of Heinrich, and was named after her mother. Salome was the 1st wife of John Caspar Wistar; she had a dau. Salome Wistar who m. Dr. Chancellor, of Philadelphia.

Dr. Henry Carpenter, of Earl Twp., born in 1714, was the 4th son and 5th child of Heinrich Zimmerman. Dr. Henry received his education in Europe, m. Susanna Forney, and resided in the Carpenter homestead. His will was admitted to Probate on May 5, 1773 and his children were:

1 John, 2 Henry, 3 Barbara, 4 Susan, 5 Mary, 6 Abraham, and 7 Salome.

1 Dr. John Carpenter was a Rev. soldier, and is noted in our annals as the proprietor of a famous botanical garden, founded by his father in this country; he m. his cousin Mary Ferree, a wealthy heiress, dau. of Daniel Ferree and Mary Carpenter. Dr. John lived in affluence at "Carpenter Hall" a few miles distant from Lancaster city; his son Abraham m. Salome Smith; Mary, the dau. m. John Smith, a brother of Salome Smith. Dr. John Carpenter m. 2nd Susan Hartman, and their daus. Susan and Salome m. Frederick Yeiser and Joseph LeFevre. The will of Dr. John was probated Mar. 27, 1798 and that of his 2nd wife on Nov. 9, 1822.

2 Dr. Henry Carpenter, Jr. m. Catherine Carpenter, gr. dau. of Gabriel Carpenter and their children were: Mary, John, Henry, Isaac, Susanna (wife of John McClery), Salome, Daniel, and Christian.

3 Barbara Carpenter m. John Dehoff.

4 Susan Carpenter m. 1st Christopher Reigart, who was a bro. of the above-named Adam Reigart. After the death of her husband, Susan m. 2nd Col. Thomas Edwards of the Rev. Army who, according to Lancaster Moravian records, was b. in the Parish of Bellemony, county of Antrim, Province of Ulster, Ireland, and d. Feb. 7, 1794.

5 Mary Carpenter m. John Smith

6 Abraham Carpenter of Earl Twp. m. Esther Hafer, and his will was probated April 28, 1829; their children were: Abraham, Henry, Elizabeth, Susannah (wife of David Trimble), Rebecca (wife of Andrew Howlett), Leah (wife of Paul Johns), Esther, and Polly (wife of John Riley).

7 Salome Carpenter m. John Offner. ///

Daniel Carpenter, born 1716, 5th son and 6th child of Heinrich, m. Magdalena Forney, and purchased land from the pioneer Franciscus near Lampeter Square, and erected a dwelling there about 1750. Daniel was identified with the colonial militia, and particularly with the expedition of Col. Boquet on the latter's march to Fort Pitt, and the affair at "Bushy Run" in 1763. He died intestate in 1827 and his children were: 1 Mary, 2 Christian, 3 Susannah, 4 Salome, 5 Daniel, 6 Elizabeth, 7 John, and 8 Benjamin.

1 Mary m. Jeremiah Richards; 2 Christian m. Christina Christ; 3 Susannah m. Michael Krider, had 6 children and on her death, Michael m. her sister 4 Salome, and had 5 children; Micheal Krider was a Commissary in the Rev. and he and his son Michael, Jr. were noted frontiersmen; they are descendants of Jacob Krader, a Swiss, who came to Pa. about 1716 and purchased large tracts of land; 5 Capt. Daniel Carpenter, Jr. of the Rev. Army m. Mary Leas and had 6 children; 6 Elizabeth m. Col. Curtis Grubb, at whose foundry were cast many of the cannon used by the patriots of the Rev. He belonged to the 2nd Batn. of the Lancaster county militia and was long identified with the early charcoal furnaces and iron manufactory of the county; 7 John and 8 Benjamin were in the Rev. Army, but no further data on them.

Jacob Carpenter of Lampeter Twp. was born 1719, the 6th son and 7th child of Heinrich, and died prior to the Rev. He m. Elizabeth Herr, gr. dau. of Rev. Hans Herr and after her death m. Magdalena Miller; his 1st marriage took place May 12, 1746, 1st wife d. Mar. 26, 1760, and 2nd marriage July 21, 1761. Jacob's will was admitted to probate Dec. 11, 1772 and mentions his widow, Magdalena, daughters 1 Salome 2 Susanna, 3 Elizabeth, 4 Mary, 5 Magdalena, 6 Esther, and 7 Catherine, and sons 8 Henry, 9 Martin, 10 Jacob, and an unborn child who subsequently was named 11 John.



The will of Jacob's widow, Magdalena Miller Carpenter was filed on Feb. 1, 1804 and mentions 6 Esther, 7 Catherine, 9 Martin and 11 John as her children living at the latter date.

1 Salome m. 1st a Herr and 2nd James Miller; 2 Susanna m. Abraham Hains; 3 Elizabeth is reported to have m. a Miller and John Ferree; 4 Mary m. Benjamin Elliott and some of her descendants are the Allison, McMurties, and the Greggs of Huntingdon Co.; 5 Magdalena yields no data; 6 Esther of Lampeter Twp. was unm.; Her will was filed Oct. 18, 1847 and mentions her niece Catharine wife of David Miller, nephews Henry and Jacob Carpenter, and grandnieces Hetty and Catharine daughters of nephew Jacob Carpenter; 7 Catherine, no info; 8 Henry m. Elizabeth Richards and his will filed Sept. 5, 1849 mentions their children: Martha, Christiana, Sarah, Emma, Alice, Martin, and Jacob; 9 Martin d. unm; 10 Jacob, Jr. m. Catharine Martin and his will probated Mar. 1, 1803 mentions a dau. Catherine; 11 John was the posthumous child of Jacob, but yields no data.

Mary Carpenter, born 1722, was the 8th child of Heinrich, pioneer. She m. Daniel Ferree and this was the 1st alliance between these two prominent colonial families. Rupp, in his "History of Lancaster" devotes several pages to this marriage which took place May 1, 1739, and was performed by Mary's bro. Emanuel, in the home of Heinrich. Daniel Ferree was the son of Daniel Ferree, Sr. and Anna Maria Leininger, who were m. in Europe and emigrated to this country with Madame Ferree. Daniel and Mary Carpenter Ferree had three children. Salome and Daniel died in early youth unm. and the 3rd Mary, m. Dr. John, son of Dr. Henry and gr. dau. of Heinrich Carpenter. She inherited much wealth and property from her parents.

At present, the descendants of the pioneer Heinrich Zimmerman are numbered in the thousands and found in every state of the Union.